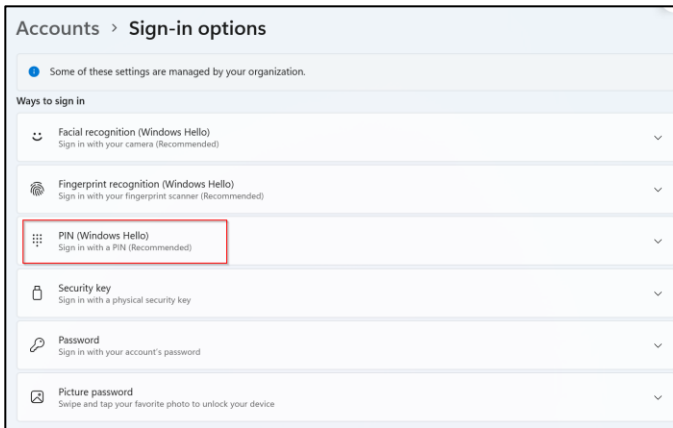


The PIN option is available as a security method for all Windows users signing into Research.gov.

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## PIN: Before You Begin for Windows

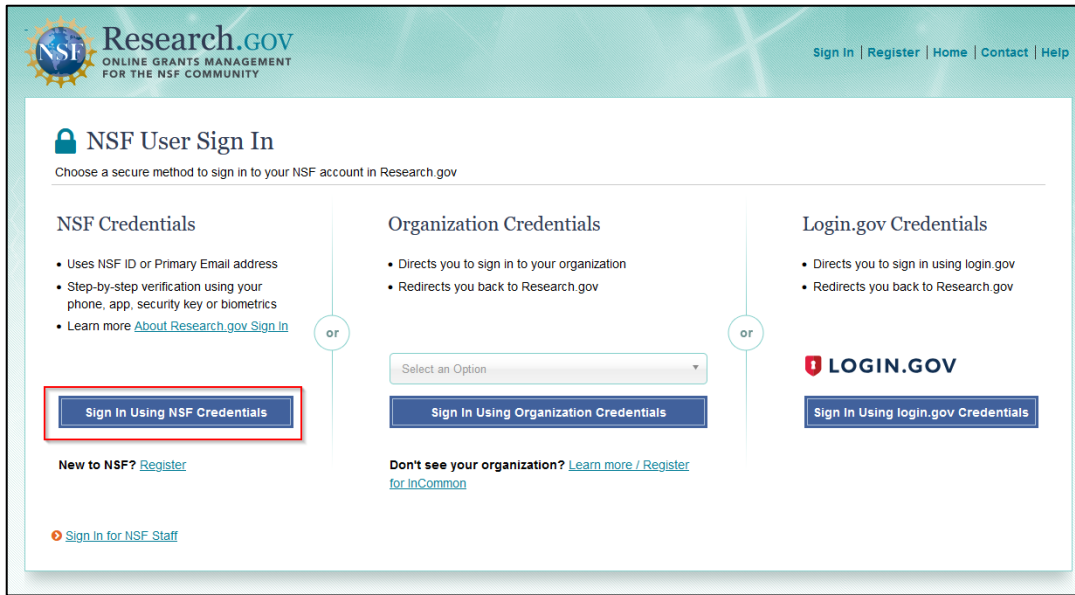
1. From your Windows system, navigate to **Accounts > Sign-In options**
2. Select **Windows Hello PIN**



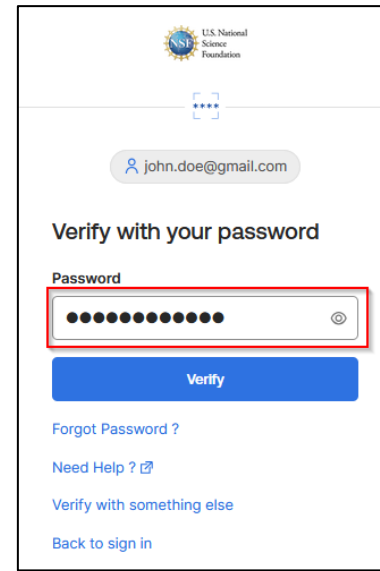
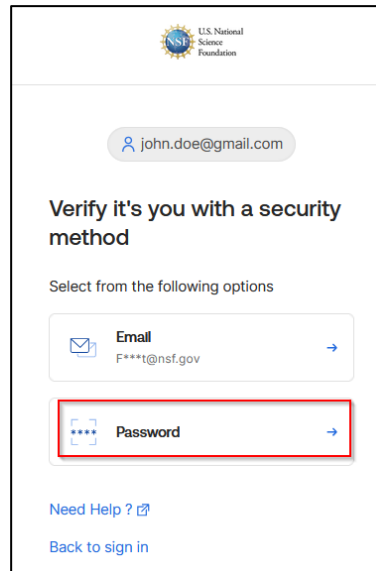
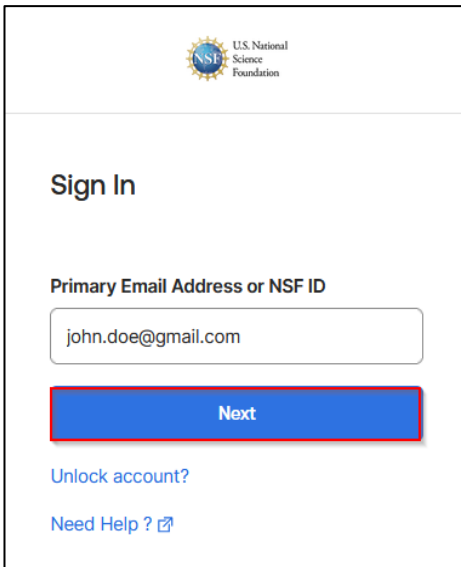
3. Click the **Add** button to create a new PIN for your account.
4. You may be prompted to enter your Windows account password.
5. Enter your PIN and confirm it.
6. Click **OK**.

## PIN: Verify & Set up

1. Open [Research.gov](https://www.research.gov)
2. Click **Sign In** located at the top of the screen to enter NSF account credentials
3. Click **Sign In Using NSF Credentials**.



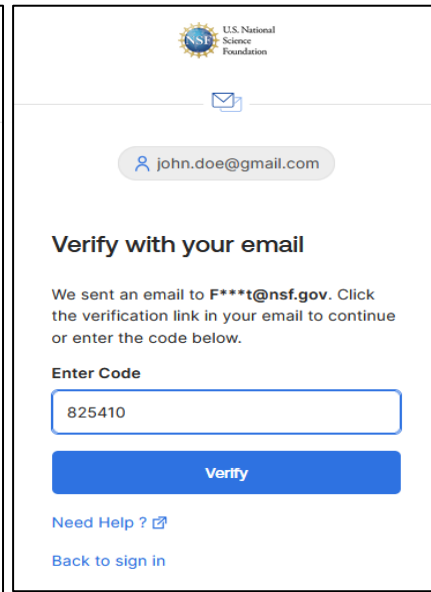
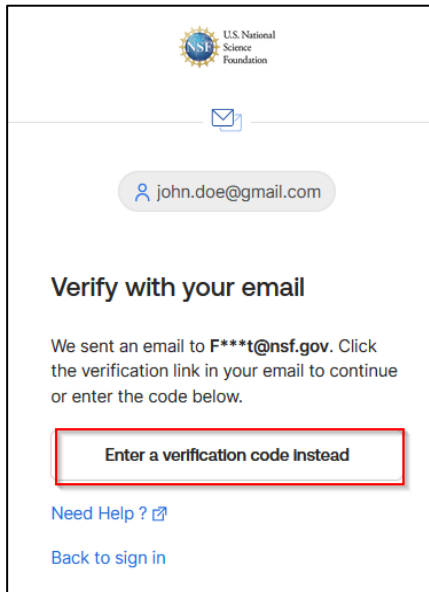
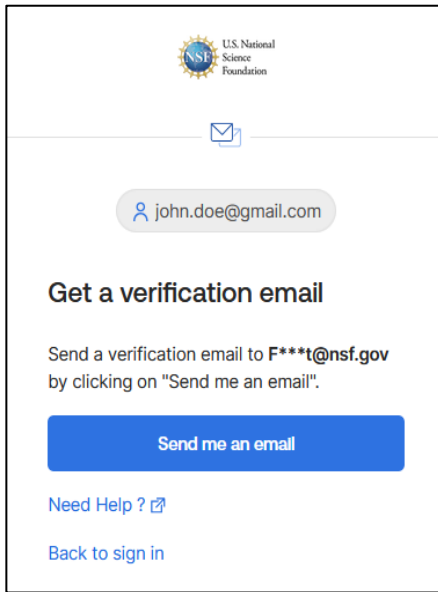
4. Enter your **Primary Email Address or NSF ID** and click **Next**
5. Enter your password then click **Verify**



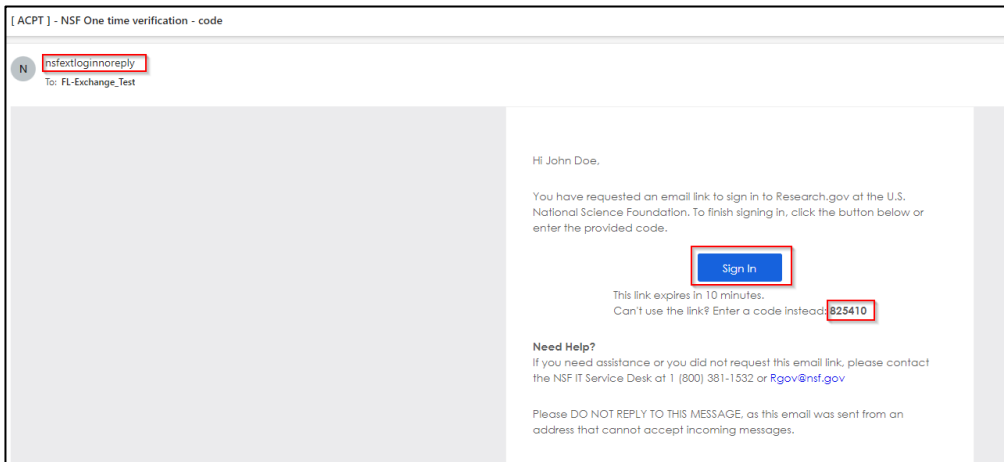
If you are setting up a security method for the first time on your account, you will be prompted to verify your account via email. Your email address is another form of verification used to ensure you are the account owner.

6. Click **Send me an email**.
7. Once you click on **Send me an email**, you will receive a **one-time verification code** email from [nsfextloginnoreply@nsf.gov](mailto:nsfextloginnoreply@nsf.gov) to your Primary Email address you used when you registered for Research.gov.

**Note:** If you prefer to use a code instead, you can click **Enter a verification code instead**. Enter the 6-digit code at the bottom of the Account password reset email then click **Verify**.



8. Click **Sign In** from the email. After you click on **Sign In**, you will be required to set up an additional security method. (Your security methods displayed will depend on your role(s))

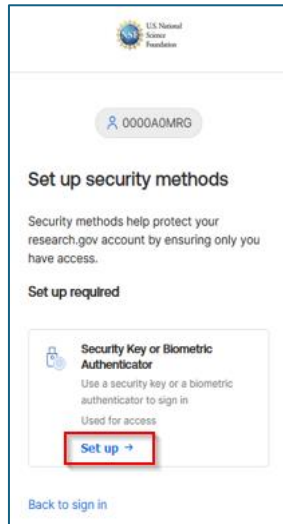
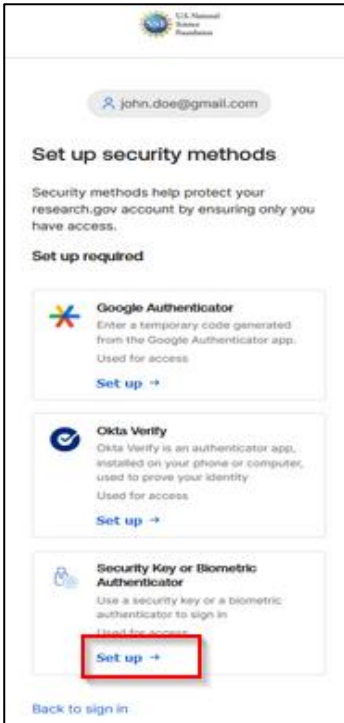


9. The Set-up security methods menu appears

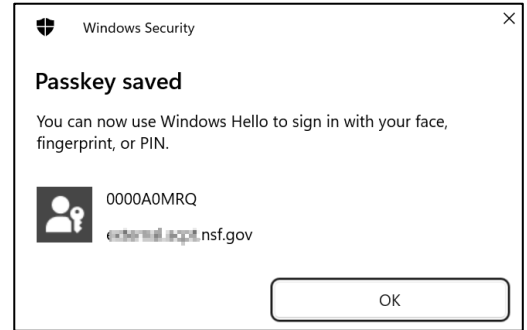
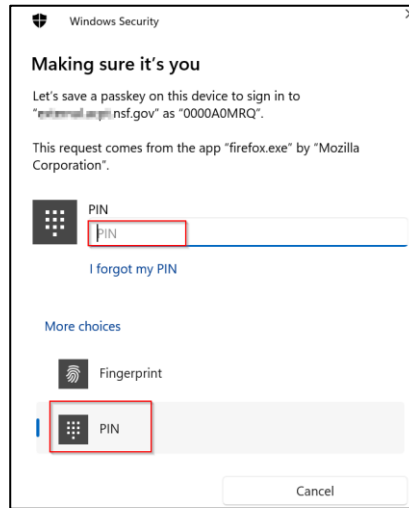
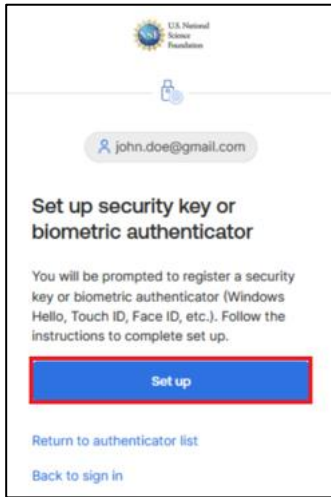
- From the browser, click **Set up** under Security Key or Biometric Authenticator from the Set up security methods screen.

## Regular Users

## Administrator or Financial Users

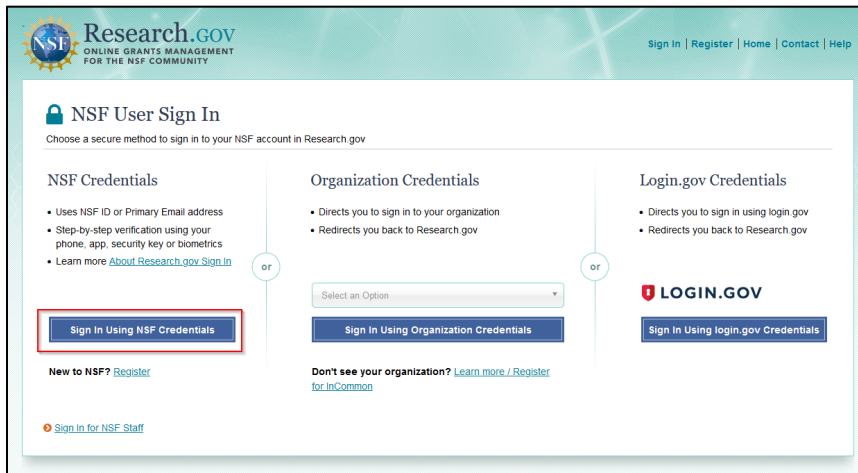


- Click Set up.
- Select PIN and enter the PIN from your Windows Hello PIN set up.
- Click OK on the passkey saved window.

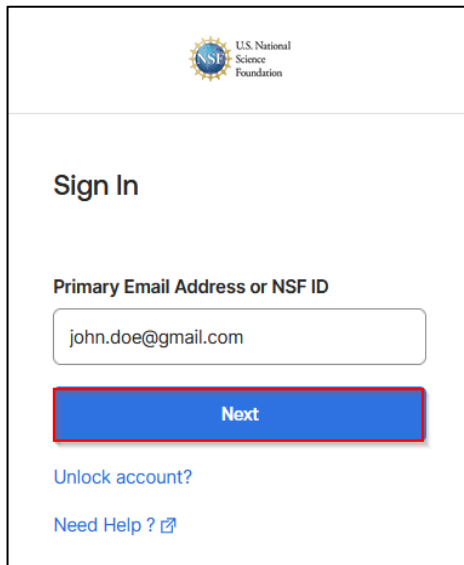


## PIN: Signing In

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4. Enter your **Primary Email Address or NSF ID** and click **Next**
5. Enter your password then click **Verify**



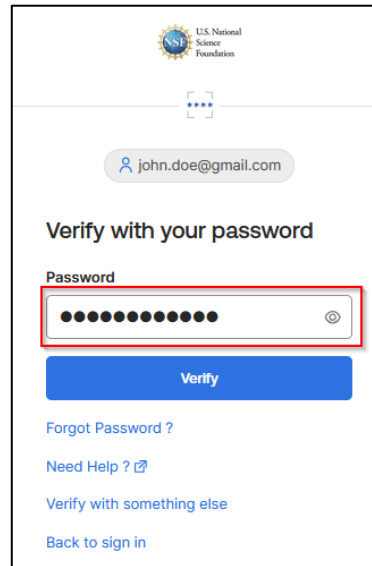
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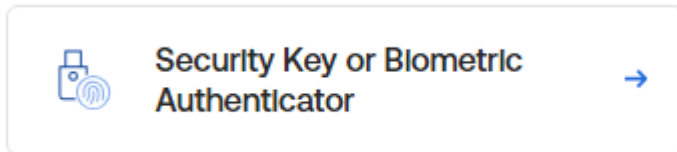
## Verify with your password

Password

**Verify**

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7. Select the **Security Key or Biometric Authenticator** to use the PIN option.



If you do not see PIN option, select More choices.

8. Enter the PIN from your Windows Hello PIN set up.
9. Once you enter your PIN, you will be authenticated and navigated to the application you are trying to access.

