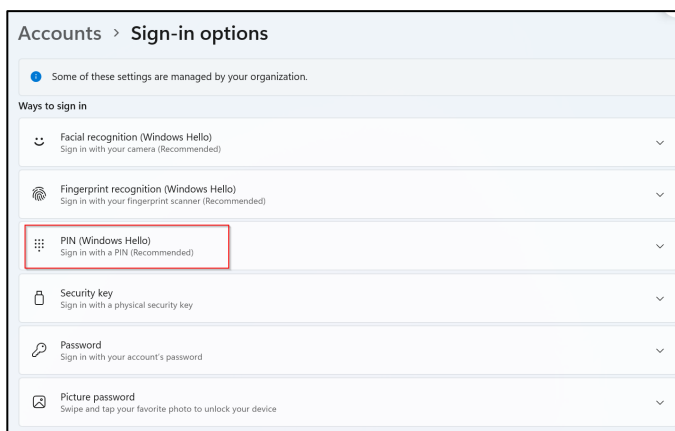


The PIN option is available as a multifactor authentication (MFA) security method for Windows users signing into Research.gov.

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## PIN: Before You Begin for Windows

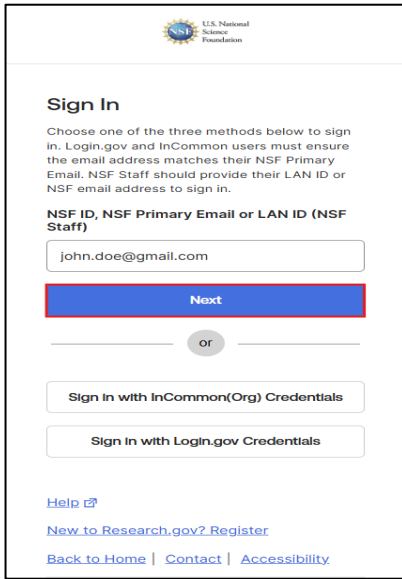
1. From your Windows system, navigate to **Accounts > Sign-In options**
2. Select **Windows Hello PIN**



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 & Setup

1. **Open** a web browser and go to [Research.gov](https://www.research.gov)
2. On the Research.gov homepage, click the **“Sign In”** button located at the top-right corner of the screen
3. The system redirects you to the login page
4. Enter your **NSF ID** or **NSF Primary Email** and click **Next**.
5. Enter your password and then click **Verify**.



**Sign In**

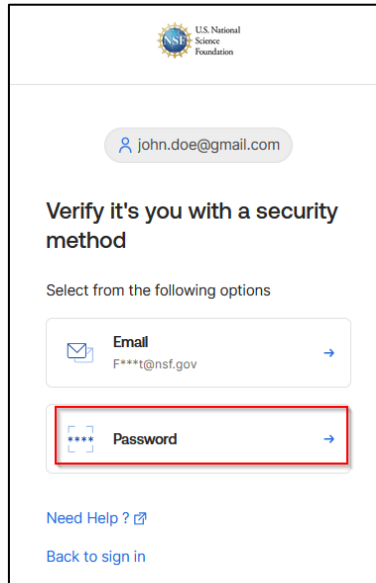
Choose one of the three methods below to sign in. Login.gov and InCommon users must ensure the email address matches their NSF Primary Email. NSF Staff should provide their LAN ID or NSF email address to sign in.

**NSF ID, NSF Primary Email or LAN ID (NSF Staff)**

**Next**

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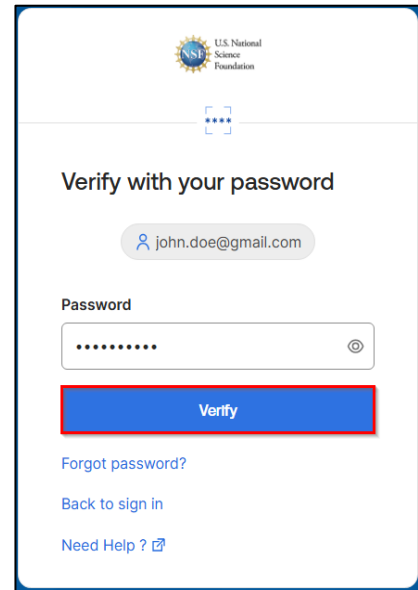
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**Verify it's you with a security method**

Select from the following options

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**Verify with your password**

**Password**

**Verify**

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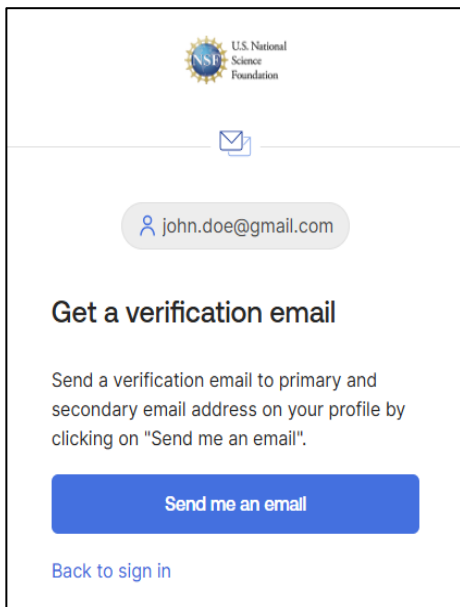
**Please ensure you have access to your NSF account primary email address as you may be required to complete a validation step with a one-time passcode sent to this email.**

**If you are asked to verify your primary email address, please follow Steps 6-8. Otherwise, please go to Step 9.**

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 and secondary email address you used when you registered for an NSF account in 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**.

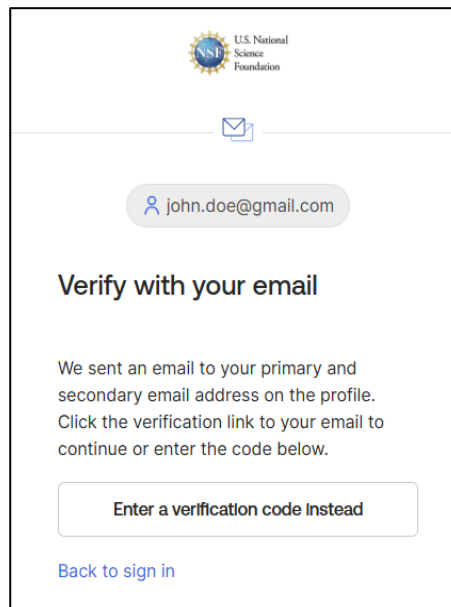


**Get a verification email**

Send a verification email to primary and secondary email address on your profile by clicking on "Send me an email".

**Send me an email**

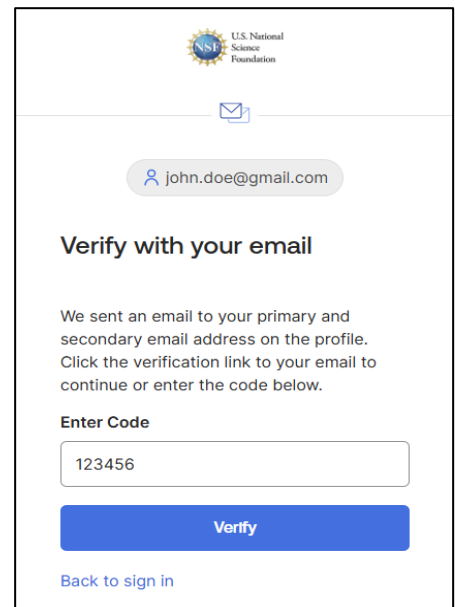
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**Verify with your email**

We sent an email to your primary and secondary email address on the profile. Click the verification link to your email to continue or enter the code below.

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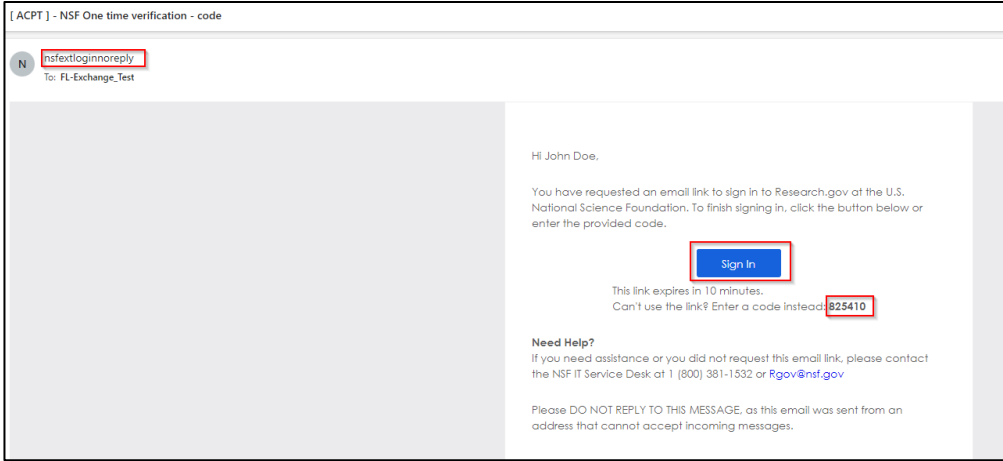
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**Enter Code**

**Verify**

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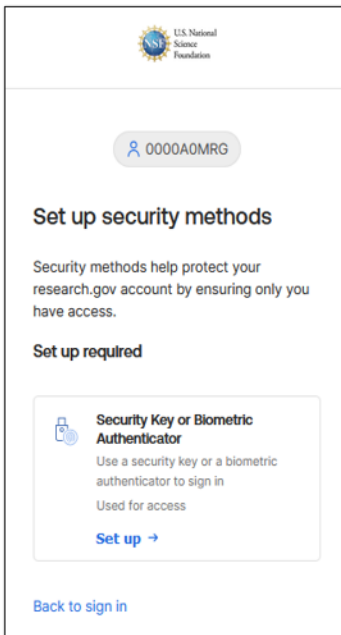
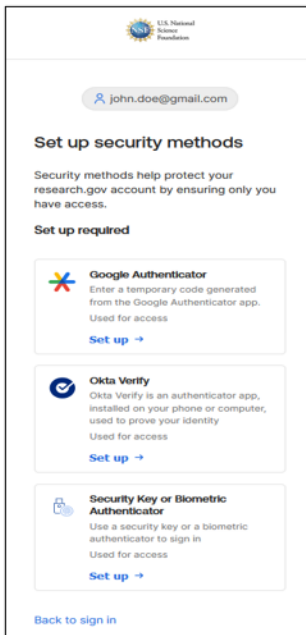
- Click **Sign In** from the email. After you click **Sign In**, you will be required to set up an additional security method. (The available security methods that display depend on your role(s) in Research.gov.)



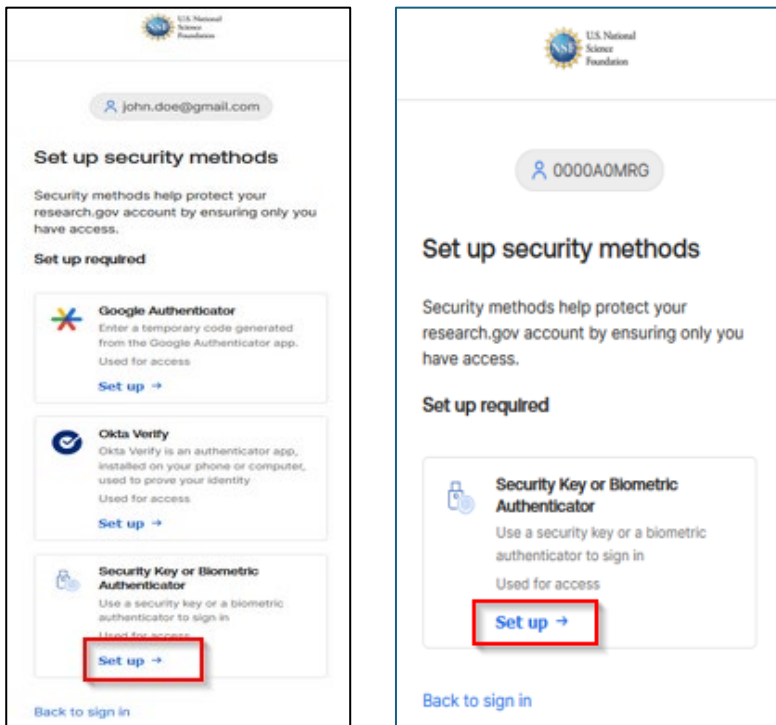
- The Set up security methods menu appears.

### Regular Users

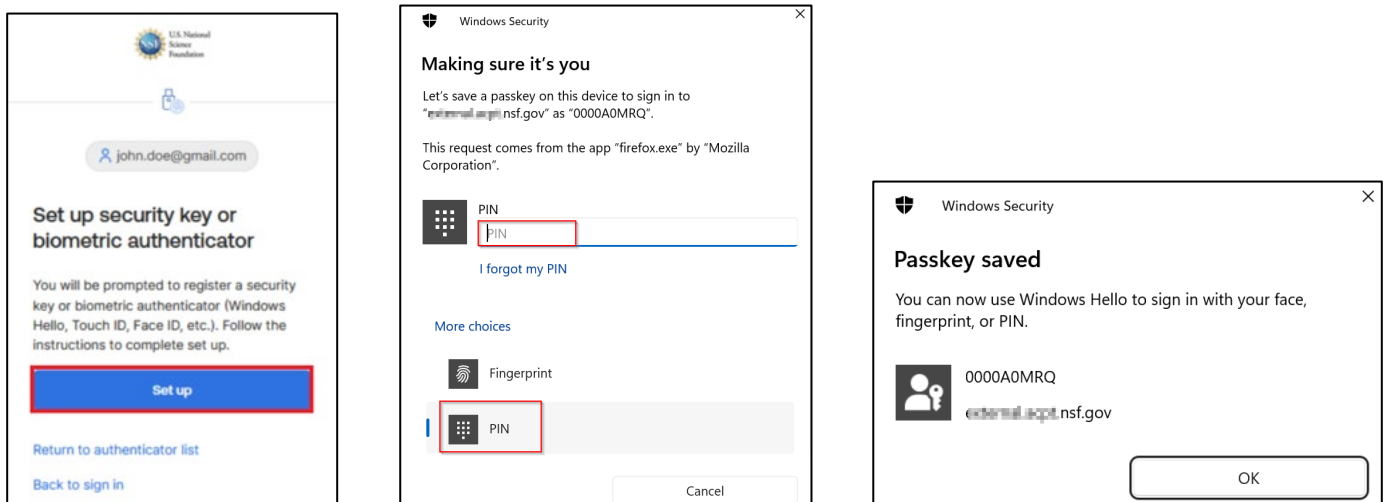
### Administrator or Financial Users



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



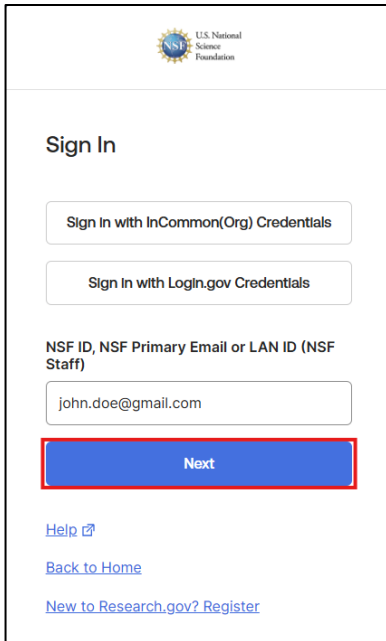
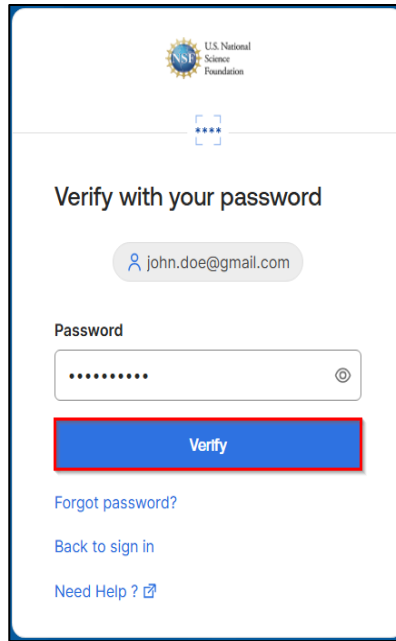
- Click **Set up**.
- Select PIN and enter the PIN from your Windows Hello PIN set up.
- Click OK on the passkey saved window.



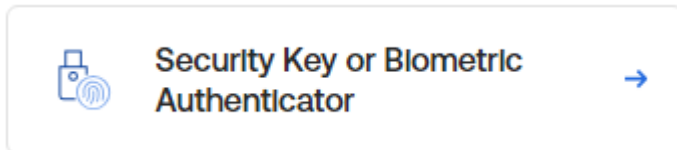
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4. Enter your **NSF ID** or **NSF Primary Email** and click **Next**.
5. Enter your password and then click **Verify**.

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



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

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

