The Passkey option is available as a security method for all users signing into Research.gov. You can only use this security method if you have a mobile device.

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Passkey: Verify

1. Open **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.**
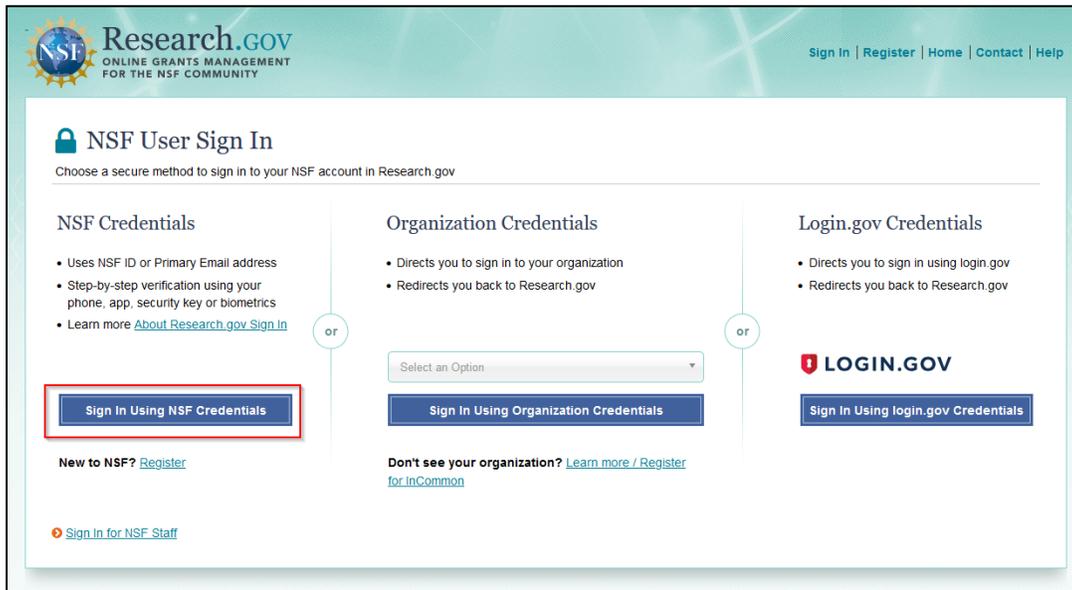
4. Enter your **Primary Email Address or NSF ID** and click **Next**
5. Enter your password then click **Verify**
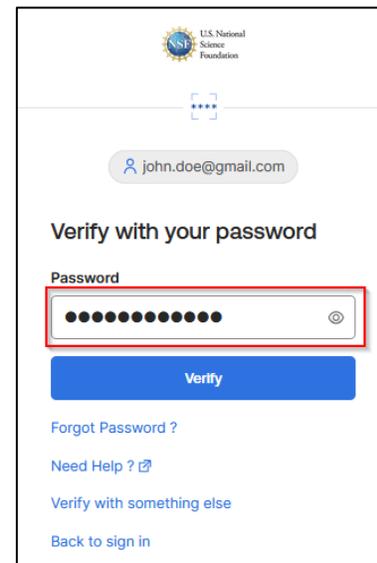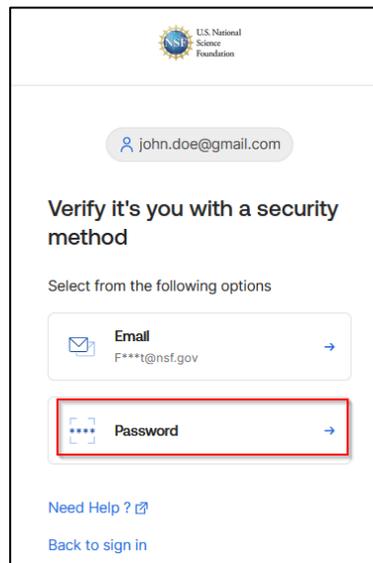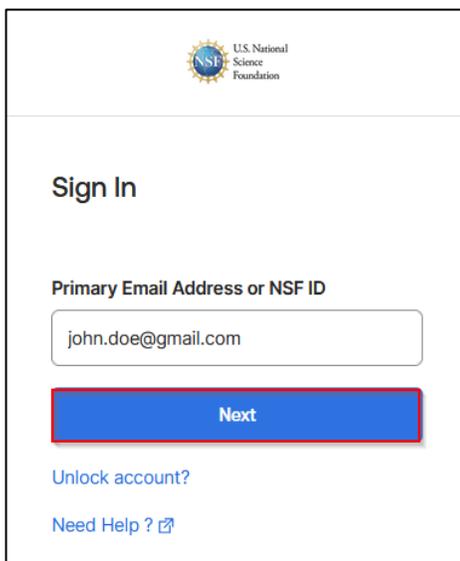
If you are setting up a security method for the first time on your account, you will be prompted to verify your account via email. Your email address is another form of verification used to ensure you are the account owner.

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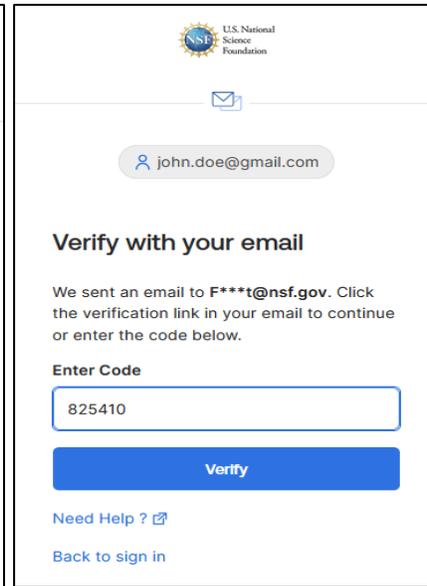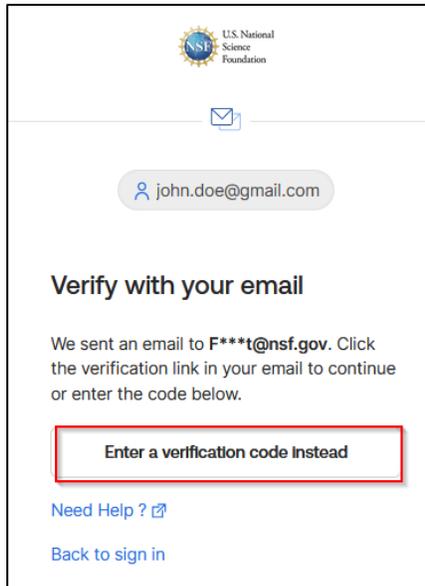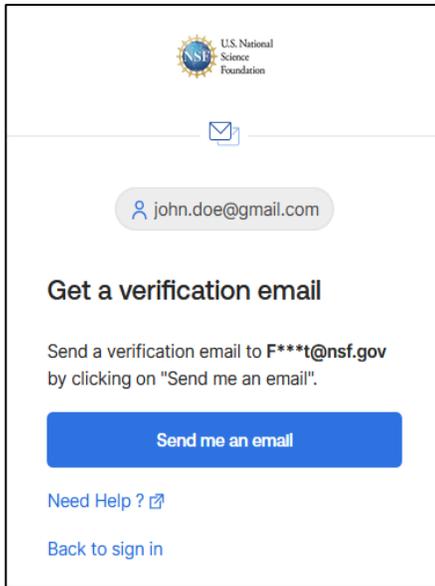
8. Click **Sign In** from the email. After you click on **Sign In**, you will be required to set up an additional security method. (Your security methods displayed will depend on your role(s))
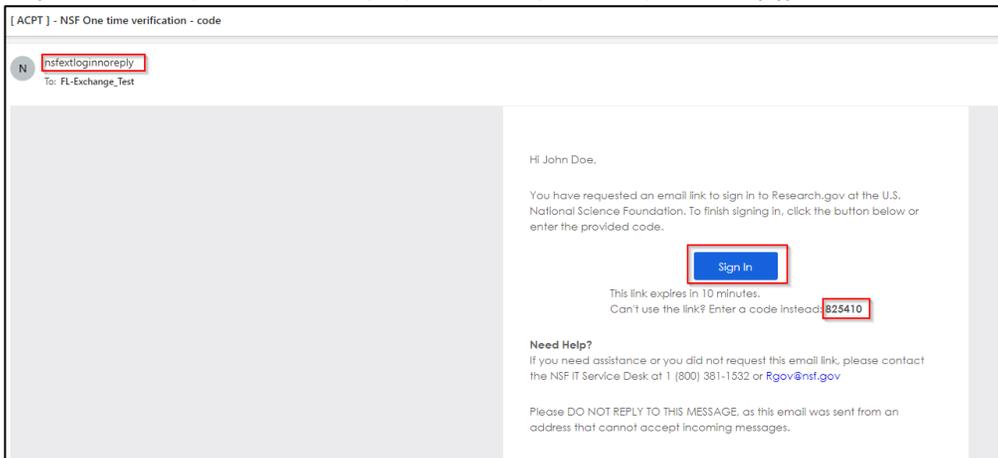
9. The Set-up security methods menu appears

Regular Users **Administrator or Financial Users**
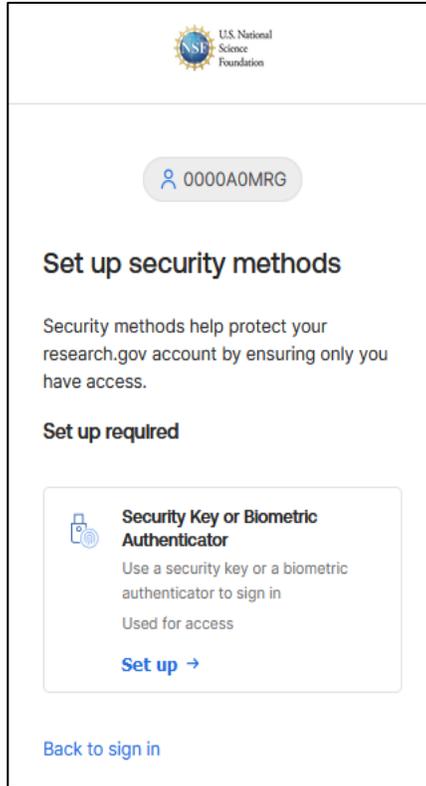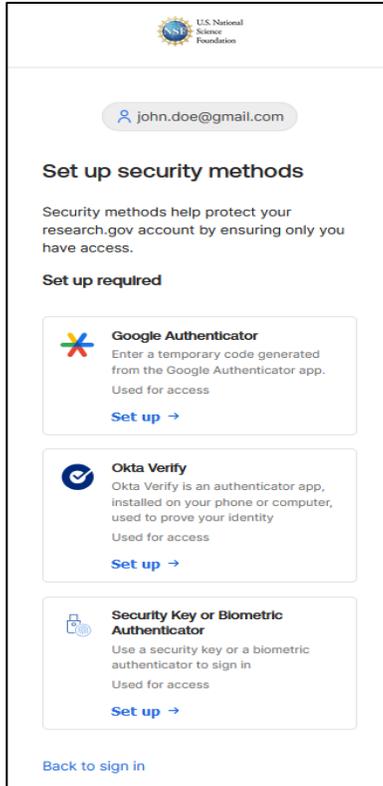
Passkey: Set up

1. Click **Set up**.
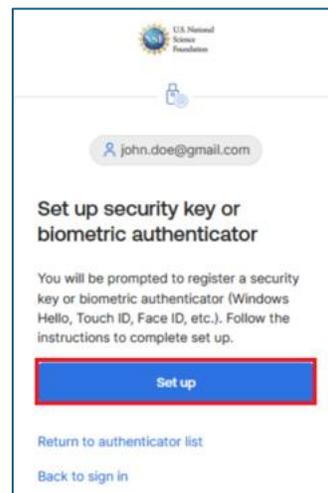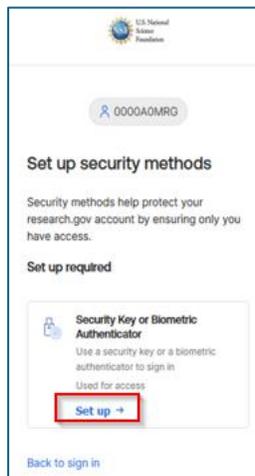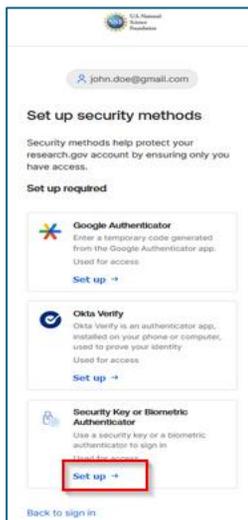
2. Select **Use another device**.
3. Select **iPhone, iPAD, or Android device** and click **Next**.
4. If your system does not have Bluetooth turned on, you will be prompted to turn it on.
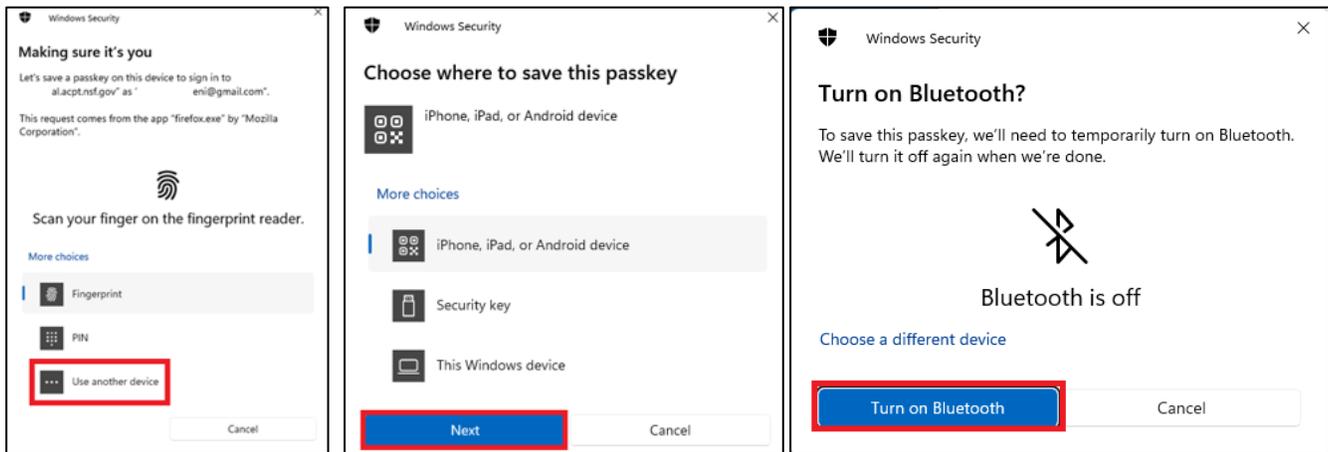
5. Use your mobile device to scan the QR code on your system.
6. Once the QR code is scanned, you will see a "Use Passkey" message.
7. Tap the Use Passkey message.
8. Once set-up is complete, you should see the screen below on your system.
9. Follow the prompts on your mobile device. Your mobile device will require you to sign in using the same unlock feature on your phone.

Note: Depending on your role, you may get prompted to set up additional security methods. If you choose not to at this time, click **Continue**.

10. You will be authenticated and navigated to the application you are trying to access.

Passkey: Signing In

Note: Before authenticating with a Passkey, you will be required to enter in your NSF account's Primary Email address and password.

1. Select the **Security Key or Biometric Authenticator** to use the Passkey option.
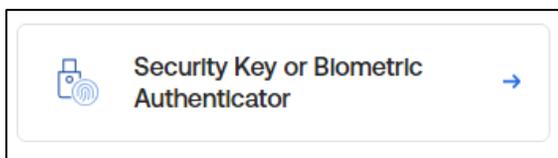
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3. Select the device name (i.e. Pixel 7 Pro) where the passkey is saved.
   Note: If you used an iphone to save passkeys you will not see your phone listed, instead you need to click on '**iPhone, iPAD, or Android device**' and scan the QR code when prompted
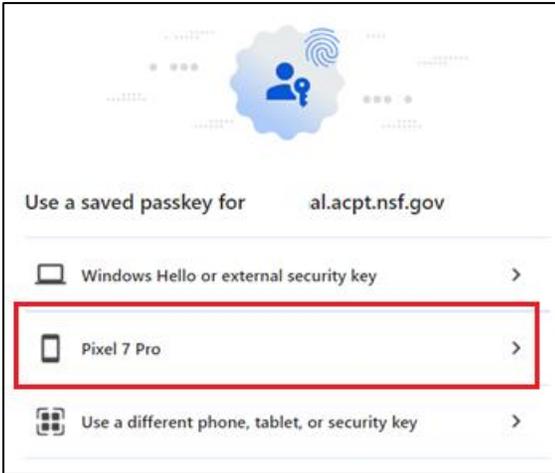
4. Use your mobile device's unlock feature to unlock your phone. This is for the passkey option.
5. Once you unlock your mobile device, you will be authenticated and navigated to the application you are trying to access.