



## Fellow User Guide to Access the GRFP Module

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Fellows must sign into Research.gov with their NSF account credentials to access the GRFP Module.

### Step 1 : Navigate to the GRFP Sign In page.

- Access the GRFP Sign In page for the GRFP Module at: <https://www.research.gov/grfp/Login.do>.

The screenshot shows the GRFP Sign In page. A teal box on the left labeled 'GRFP Sign In page' has an orange arrow pointing to the page. The page itself has several sections: 'Graduate Research Fellowship Program', 'Welcome to the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)', 'Quick Links' (Program Solicitation, Admin Guide for Fellows and CO's, GRFP Application FAQs, Application Guidelines, Institution Directory, Add New Role/Transfer PI), 'NSF GRFP Competition Results' (Award Offers and Honorable Mentions List), 'Withdrawal Deadline' (November 15, 2021), 'Applicant and Reference Writer Assistance' (Contact the NSF Help Desk at 1-800-381-1532), 'Current Fellows and GRFP Officials Assistance' (Contact the NSF Help Desk at 1-800-381-1532), and 'National Science Foundation' (Address: 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, USA; Tel: 703-292-5111; FIRS: 800-877-8339; TTY: 703-292-5090). A large orange box highlights the 'Sign In for GRFP Applicants, Fellows and Officials' section, which contains a 'Sign In to Research.gov' button and text about the requirement for a Research.gov account. This section is further divided into 'Applicants', 'Fellows', and 'Officials' roles. A blue arrow points from the 'Officials' text to a separate box on the right containing the same information.

**GRFP Sign In page**

Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)

**Graduate Research Fellowship Program**

Welcome to the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP).

NSF GRFP Competition Results

Withdrawal Deadline

Applicant and Reference Writer Assistance

Current Fellows and GRFP Officials Assistance

National Science Foundation

**Sign In for GRFP Applicants, Fellows and Officials**

Sign In to Research.gov

A Research.gov account is required to access GRFP. [Register](#)

**Applicants**  
Students can create and submit an application (during the open application period).

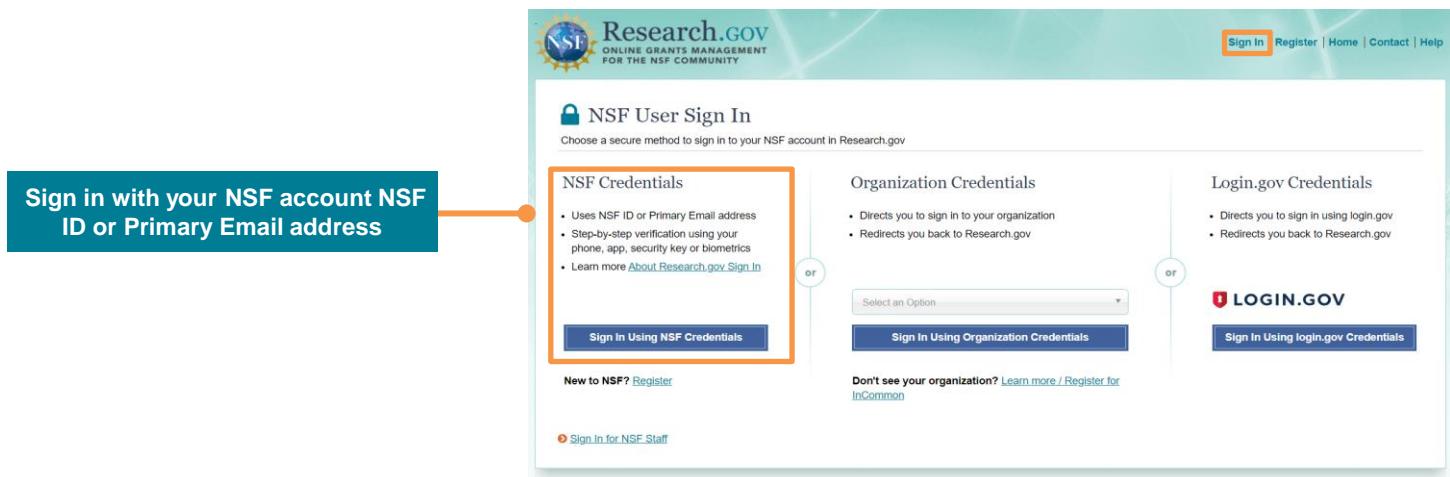
**Fellows**  
Students can declare plans, submit reports and view their status.

**Officials**  
Manage fellows, view reports, verify progress and more.



### Step 2 Sign into Research.gov and complete one-time process to set up multifactor authentication.

- Access [Research.gov](#).
- Click **Sign In** located at the top right of the screen to enter NSF account credentials.
- Enter NSF account credentials. (**Note:** See the *Appendix for information about signing into Research.gov with Organization credentials or Login.gov credentials after establishing an NSF account.*)
  - Type your NSF account primary email address or NSF ID in the **Primary Email Address or NSF ID** field. You are encouraged to sign in with your NSF account primary email address.
  - Type your NSF account password in the **Password** field.



### Research.gov Multifactor Authentication Setup

- All Research.gov users must use multifactor authentication (MFA) to sign into Research.gov as of October 27, 2024.
- A **one-time** MFA enrollment step is required when you sign into Research.gov the first time with your NSF account credentials if you have not yet enrolled in Research.gov MFA.
- After Research.gov MFA enrollment, you must use your selected MFA method each time you sign into Research.gov with your NSF credentials.
- View the [MFA Options Overview](#). Since you are a GRFP Fellow, you can use a standard MFA method (Google Authenticator or Okta Verify) to sign into Research.gov unless you have another administrative or financial role in Research.gov which requires you to set up a phishing-resistant MFA.
- Use the [Google Authenticator how-to guide](#) and [video tutorial](#) (2:25 minutes) to enroll in MFA using Google Authenticator OR use the [Okta Verify how-to guide](#) and [video tutorial](#) (3:44 minutes) to enroll in MFA using Okta Verify.
- See the [Signing Into Research.gov page](#) for additional MFA guidance and [Frequently Asked Questions](#).
- There is no cost to enroll in Research.gov MFA. Be sure to install the **free** apps if using the Google Authenticator or Okta Verify MFA methods.
- Please do not attempt to enroll in MFA with a generic QR scanning app as these apps may divert users to webpages with payment walls not associated with NSF.
- Do not delete the Google Authenticator and Okta Verify apps after MFA setup since they will be needed to sign into Research.gov each time.
- For MFA questions or assistance, please contact the NSF IT Service Desk at 1-800-381-1532 (7:00 AM – 9:00 PM Eastern Time; Monday – Friday except federal holidays) or [rgov@nsf.gov](mailto:rgov@nsf.gov).



### Step 3 : Navigate to the GRFP Module from the Research.gov homepage.

- After you successfully sign into Research.gov with your selected MFA method, you will be on the Research.gov homepage.
- Select the **Graduate Research Fellowship Program (Applicants, Fellows)** link from the Fellowships & Opportunities tile to go to the GRFP page.

The Research.gov homepage is shown with a teal box highlighting the "Fellowships & Opportunities" link. An orange arrow points from the "Research.gov Homepage" label to the "Fellowships & Opportunities" link. The page includes a navigation bar with links to Proposals, Reviews & Meetings, Awards & Reporting, Fellowships & Opportunities, and Manage Financials. Below the navigation bar are several tiles: Proposals, Reviews & Meetings, Awards & Reporting, Manage Financials, and Administration.

You are navigated to the Fellows homepage.

The Fellows homepage is shown with a teal box highlighting the "Welcome Fellows" section. An orange arrow points from the "Fellows homepage" label to the "Welcome Fellows" section. The page includes a navigation bar with links to Manage My Fellowship, Quick Links, and a sidebar with links to Program Announcement, Administrative Guide for Fellows and CO's, Institution Directory, Prepare/Submit Your New AFO Request, and Manage Your Existing AFO Request. The "Welcome Fellows" section contains a "Fellows Task List" and a "Fellows Optional Task List".



### Accessing the GRFP Module Going Forward

- You have two options to sign into Research.gov to access the GRFP Module:
  - **Research.gov Sign in Option #1:**
    - Open the [GRFP Sign In page](#).
    - Click the **Sign In to Research.gov** button.
    - Enter your NSF account credentials and use your selected MFA method.
  - **Research.gov Sign in Option #2:**
    - Open [Research.gov](#).
    - Click Sign In located at the top right of the screen to enter your NSF account credentials and use your selected MFA method.
    - From the My Desktop page, select the **Graduate Research Fellowship Program (Applicants, Fellows)** link in the Fellowships & Opportunities tile.

### Questions?

- For IT system-related questions, please contact the NSF IT Service Desk at 1-800-381-1532 (7:00 AM – 9:00 PM Eastern Time; Monday – Friday except federal holidays) or [rgov@nsf.gov](mailto:rgov@nsf.gov).
- Questions about the GRFP application process and reference writer process should be directed to the GRF Operations Center (website: <https://nsfgrfp.org>) at 1-866-NSF-GRFP (1-866-673-4737) or by email to [info@nsfgrfp.org](mailto:info@nsfgrfp.org).



## **Appendix: Signing in to Research.gov with Organization Credentials or Login.gov Credentials**



### Using Organization Credentials to Sign into Research.gov

After following the steps in this guide to register for an NSF account in Research.gov, you can sign into Research.gov with your organization-issued credentials **if your organization is an InCommon Federation participant and integrated with NSF**. Please check the Organization drop-down on the [Research.gov Sign In page](#) to view the list of InCommon Organizations that currently integrate with NSF.

- Users from InCommon Federation organizations that are integrated with NSF can continue to use their organization-issued credentials to sign into Research.gov after the October 27, 2024, Research.gov MFA effective date.
- If you sign into Research.gov with organization-issued credentials, your MFA enrollment is through your InCommon participating organization. See the [MFA Options Overview](#), [Frequently Asked Questions](#), and the [About Signing Into Research.gov](#) page for details.
- You must register for an NSF account first if you plan to sign into Research.gov with your organization-issued credentials. When signing into Research.gov with organization credentials the first time, ensure your organization email address and your NSF account primary email address are the same so the two accounts can be automatically linked. If Research.gov does not detect a primary email address match for both accounts, the two accounts will not complete the auto-link process.
- Please see the [About the InCommon Integration at Research.gov](#) page to learn more.
- If you have questions, please contact the NSF IT Service Desk at 1-800-381-1532 (7:00 AM – 9:00 PM Eastern Time; Monday – Friday except federal holidays) or [rgov@nsf.gov](mailto:rgov@nsf.gov).

Sign in with your Organization credentials

NSF User Sign In

Choose a secure method to sign in to your NSF account in Research.gov

NSF Credentials

- Uses NSF ID or Primary Email address
- Step-by-step verification using your phone, app, security key or biometrics
- Learn more [About Research.gov Sign In](#)

or

Organization Credentials

- Directs you to sign in to your organization
- Redirects you back to Research.gov

Select an Option

Sign in Using Organization Credentials

Don't see your organization? [Learn more / Register for InCommon](#)

or

Login.gov Credentials

- Directs you to sign in using login.gov
- Redirects you back to Research.gov

**LOGIN.GOV**

Sign in Using login.gov Credentials

New to NSF? [Register](#)

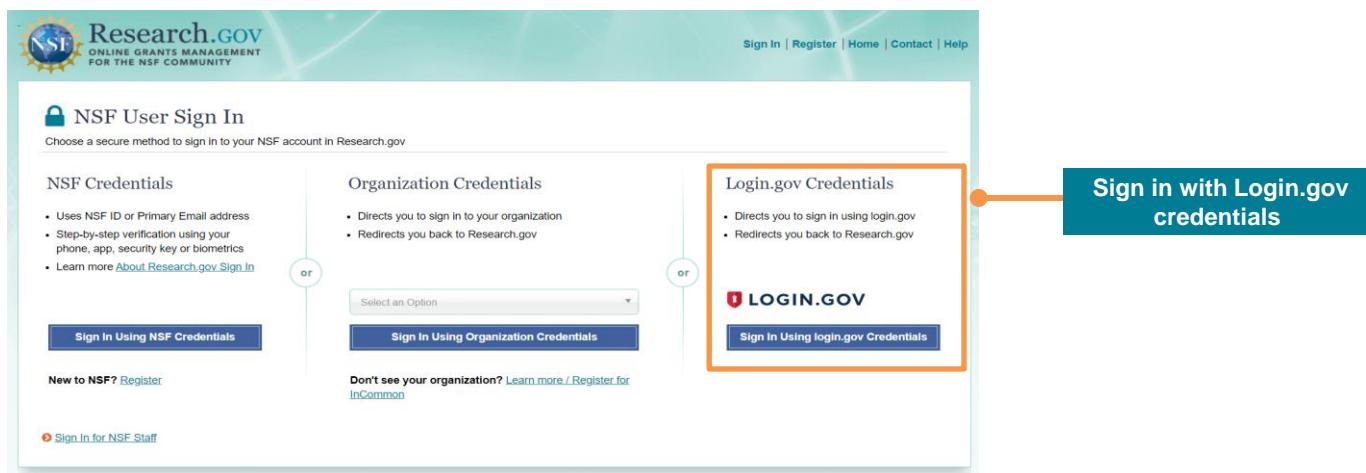
[Sign in for NSF Staff](#)

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### Using Login.gov Credentials to Sign into Research.gov

- After following the steps in this guide to register for an NSF account in Research.gov, you can sign into Research.gov with your Login.gov credentials. Users can continue using Login.gov to sign into Research.gov after the October 27, 2024, Research.gov MFA effective date if a phishing-resistant MFA is used. MFA enrollment or MFA changes are through Login.gov. See the [MFA Options Overview](#), [Frequently Asked Questions](#), and the [About Signing Into Research.gov](#) page for details.
- [Login.gov](#) is a Federal shared service platform that provides MFA for users to sign into participating government agency systems.
- Accessing Research.gov through Login.gov enables Fellows to have a single username and password for participating Federal systems.
- After Login.gov credentials (username and password) are entered, the Login.gov system will require the Fellow to provide a second authentication factor. The phishing-resistant MFA options in Login.gov are face or touch unlock and security keys. For more information, please see the [Login.gov Help Center Authentication Options](#) page and MFA [Frequently Asked Questions](#).
- You must register for an NSF account first if you plan to sign into Research.gov with Login.gov credentials. When signing into Research.gov with Login.gov credentials the first time, your Login.gov account and NSF account will automatically be linked if the same primary email address is used for both accounts. If Research.gov does not detect a primary email address match for both accounts, the two accounts will not complete the auto-link process.
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