InCommon Integration with Research.gov: Getting Started

The National Science Foundation (NSF) became a member of the InCommon Federation in order to provide NSF’s research and education community easier access to online services using Research.gov. Researchers and sponsored programs staff at institutions that are members of InCommon can use their university-issued user ID and password to login to Research.gov. Additionally, Principal Investigators (PIs) and Co-PIs are able to access FastLane services through Research.gov.

1: Select Login

Go to Research.gov and click on Log In from the top navigation bar.

2: Select Your Organization

Select Northwestern University from the drop down list and then click Sign In. You will be redirected to the Northwestern University Single Sign-on login page for authentication.

3: Login with NetID

On the Northwestern login page, type in your NetID and password and click Log In. After successfully logging in, you will be redirected to Research.gov.

4: Activate Account

If this is your first time logging in with InCommon, you must activate your account. Read the Rules of Behavior and click Activate to continue.

5: Submit Information

On the next screen, if it is not already pre-populated, enter your Last Name, NSF ID, and Password in the appropriate fields. Click Submit.

6: Activation Complete!

Your account is now activated. A success message will appear at the top of the page.