

# InCommon Launches SP Category - Webinar Jan. 19

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InCommon is launching an innovative program that will enable federation of collaborative services for an important subset of the campus community, a new category of service providers called Research & Scholarship. Identity providers (IdPs) can release a minimal set of attributes to all service providers (SPs) in the Research & Scholarship (R&S) category, simplifying and streamlining user access at the SP while reducing administrative overhead at the IdP.

InCommon will host a webinar on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at 2 p.m. EST, to provide more information about the Research & Scholarship category. Details on joining the webinar are at the end of this message.

Complete information about this new category is [on the InCommon wiki](#).

Service providers eligible for the R&S category include those that support research and scholarly activities such as virtual organizations and campus-based collaboration services. Participating IdPs will agree to release a minimal set of attributes to the R&S category (name, email address, user identifier, and user affiliation). This can be done with a one-time modification to the IdP's default attribute release policy, which will apply to the entire R&S category of SPs.

Currently, most identity providers (IdPs) share only an "opaque identifier" (that is, no attributes) by default. The R&S category provides a simpler and more scalable approach for IdPs than negotiating attribute release bilaterally with every service provider.

For more information, including guidance for IdPs and SPs, [visit the InCommon wiki](#). You can send specific questions to [info@incommon.org](mailto:info@incommon.org).

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## R&S Category Webinar

**Thursday, January 19, 2012**

**2 pm ET / 1 pm CT / Noon MT / 11 am PT**

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