

Global Research and Scholarship

Does your Identity Provider (IdP) support the [Research & Scholarship Category](#) of services in the InCommon Federation? If so, read on to find out how to *migrate your IdP to **global** Research & Scholarship*. If your IdP does not yet support the Research & Scholarship category, the following section shows you how.



R&S IdPs that support global R&S are shown in green on the [Entity Categories info page](#).

Support Research & Scholarship

An IdP that supports the Research & Scholarship (R&S) category automatically releases the [R&S Attribute Bundle](#) to R&S SPs, that is, SPs tagged with the R&S entity attribute. These SPs have been vetted by InCommon to meet the requirements of R&S as outlined on the [Research & Scholarship for SPs](#) wiki page.



More info for prospective R&S IdPs: [Research and Scholarship for IdPs \(old\)](#)

To support the R&S category, an IdP operator has at least two configuration options:

1. Release the R&S attribute bundle to **all** R&S SPs, including R&S SPs in other federations
2. Release the R&S attribute bundle to R&S SPs *registered by InCommon only*

In either case, all that's required is a one-time change to your IdP's attribute release policy. For more info about R&S, visit our wiki: [Research and Scholarship for IdPs \(old\)](#)



R&S is for ALL users!

The R&S category benefits all organizations, even those organizations whose primary mission is not research. The R&S category includes generally useful collaborative services (such as wikis and file sharing services) that benefit **all** users, including students, faculty, and staff at colleges and universities of all sizes.

Migrate to Global Research & Scholarship

Today more than 100 InCommon IdPs support the Research & Scholarship (R&S) category. If your IdP supports R&S, we invite you to migrate to global R&S, that is, release attributes to **all** R&S SPs, including R&S SPs in other federations.



More info for existing R&S IdPs: [Migrating an IdP to Global Research and Scholarship](#)

To migrate an existing R&S IdP to global R&S, the IdP operator makes a small, one-time change to their IdP configuration to recognize the refeds.org R&S entity attribute value. Since all R&S SPs (in all federations) meet the requirements of the [REFED S R&S Entity Category](#) specification, an IdP configured to recognize the refeds.org R&S tag releases attributes to **all** R&S SPs, including R&S SPs in other federations.



An IdP configuration **SHOULD NOT** rely on the [incommon.org](#) R&S tag

If you are unable to support global R&S at this time, we strongly advise you to *update your IdP configuration* anyway since the use of the legacy [incommon.org](#) R&S tag to control attribute release is **deprecated**. Eventually the legacy [incommon.org](#) R&S tag will be removed from SP metadata. See the wiki topic linked below for more information.

For more info about global R&S, visit our wiki: [Migrating an IdP to Global Research and Scholarship](#)