

# SPRINGERLINK FEDERATED ACCESS

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# Getting Started



This document provides information for Users who wish to use SpringerLink via Federated Access. Federated access is typically enabled via Shibboleth or Athens.

Please follow the steps below to access SpringerLink via Federated Access.

## Visit SpringerLink homepage

Enter [link.springer.com](http://link.springer.com) on your browser or internet page and then click the 'Sign up / Log in' link.

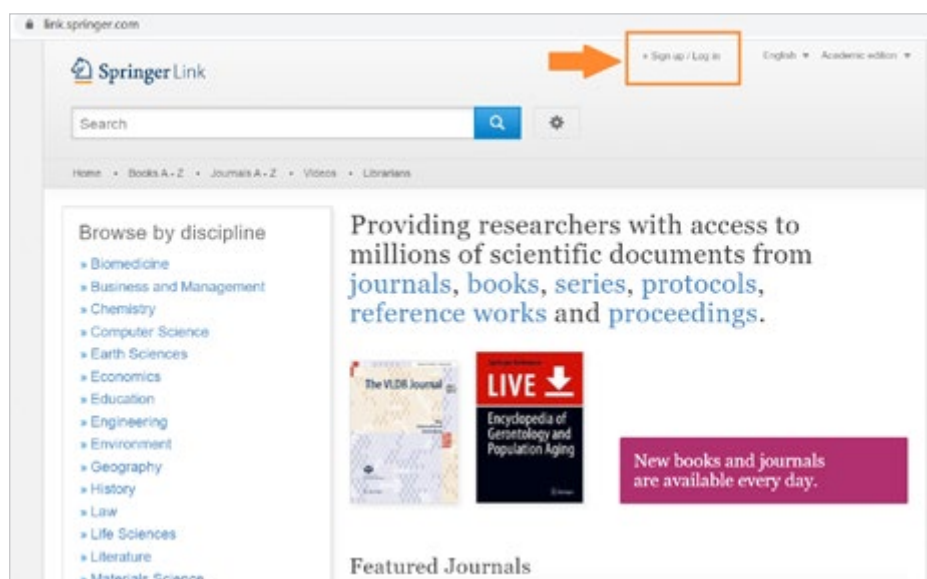


Fig 1. SpringerLink website homepage

## Select to login by Shibboleth or Athens

You will be presented with several different options for Log in. From the options provided, please select the 'Log in via Shibboleth or Athens' link

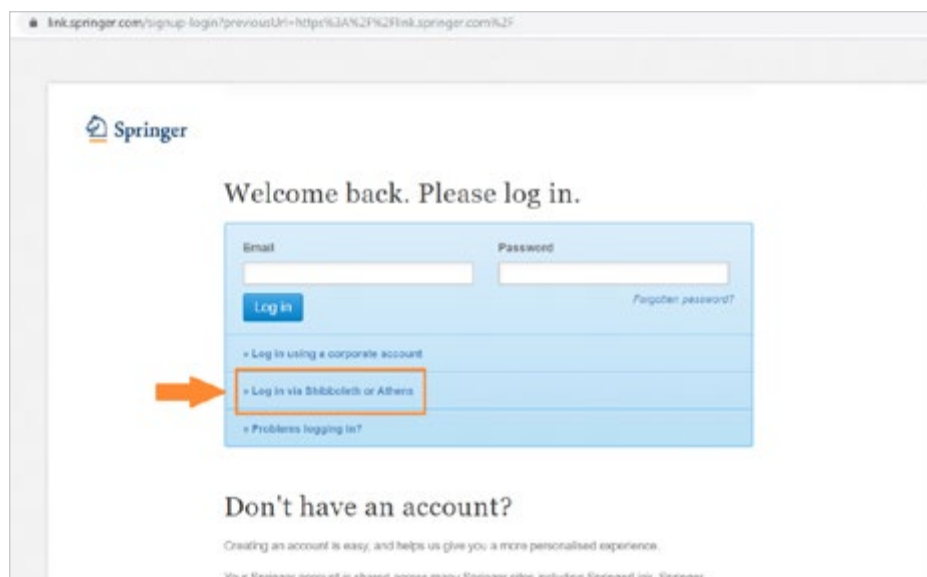


Fig 2. Select the Shibboleth/Athens link

## Select method for login

There are three methods for login presented on the next page:

1. Login via **Athens** (see step 4 below)
2. Find your Institution via **Shibboleth** (see step 7 below)
3. Via a personal user account\*

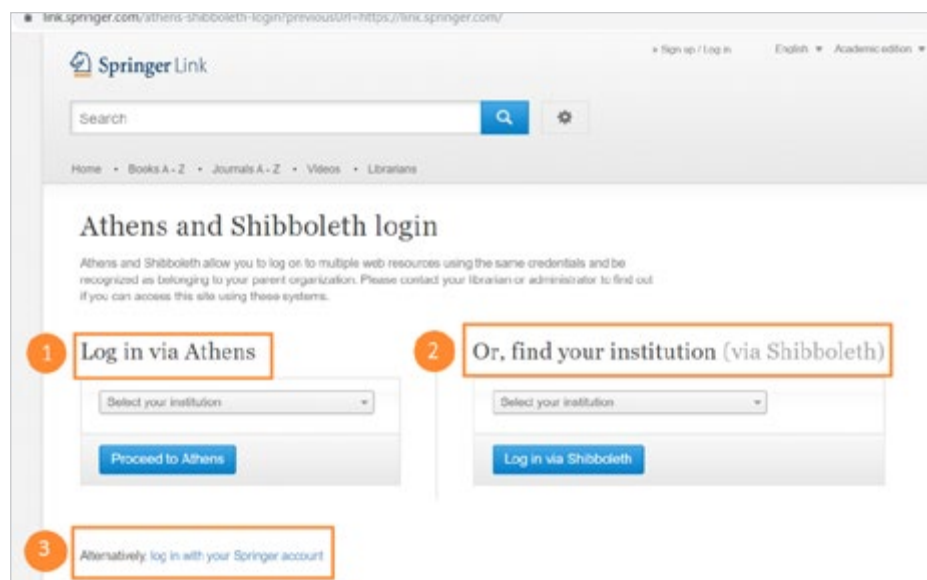


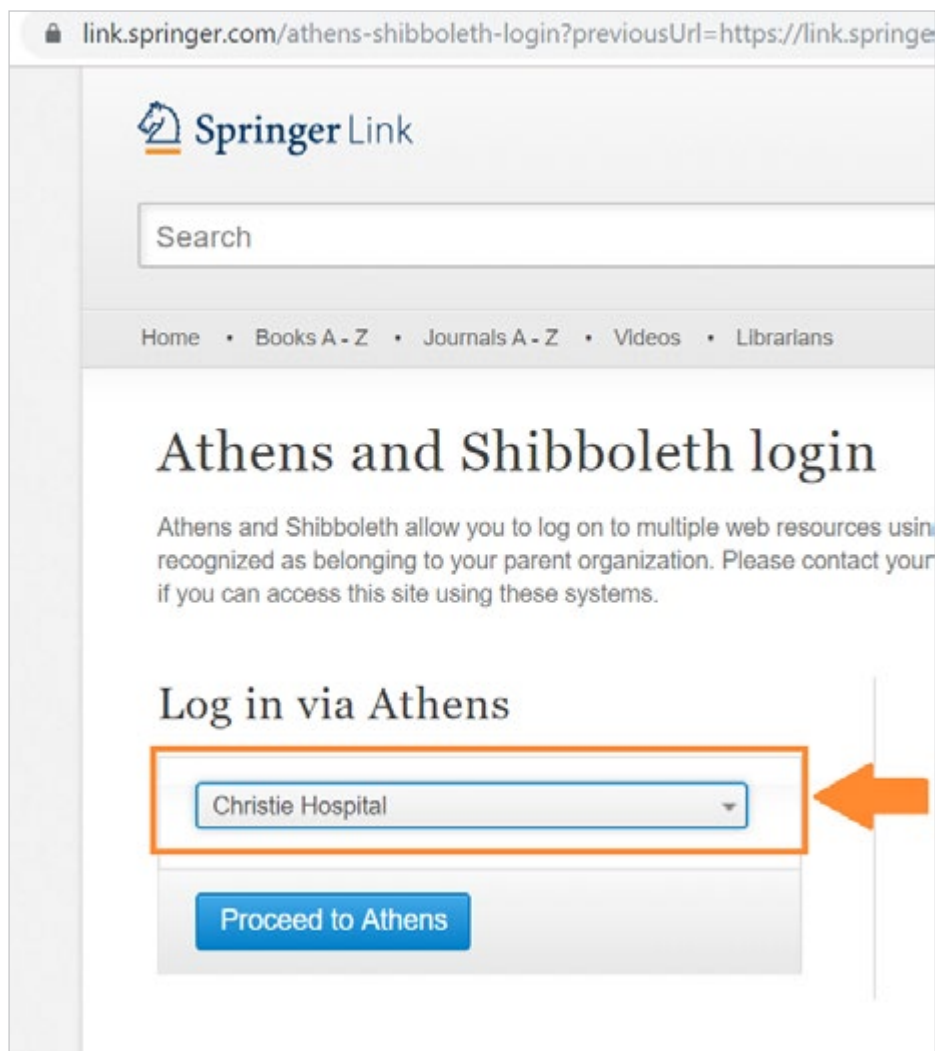
Fig 3. Three login options appear

\*This link is for users who have navigated to this page from the 'Log in via Shibboleth and Athens' link accidentally. Selecting this link returns the User to the main Login page. This guide does not cover Personal User Access journeys.


## Login via Athens

The user should select their Institution's name from the drop-down menu. Users can start typing their Institution's name in the drop-down menu to find it or scroll through the list.

Once they have selected their Institution they should click the 'Proceed to Athens' button.



link.springer.com/athens-shibboleth-login?previousUrl=https://link.springer.com

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### Athens and Shibboleth login

Athens and Shibboleth allow you to log on to multiple web resources using systems recognized as belonging to your parent organization. Please contact your librarian if you can access this site using these systems.

#### Log in via Athens

Christie Hospital

Proceed to Athens

Fig 4. Selecting your Institution

## Enter Username and Password

The User should now enter their Username and Password and then click the 'Sign In' button. Please be aware that the page presented will be branded with the User's Institution's logo.

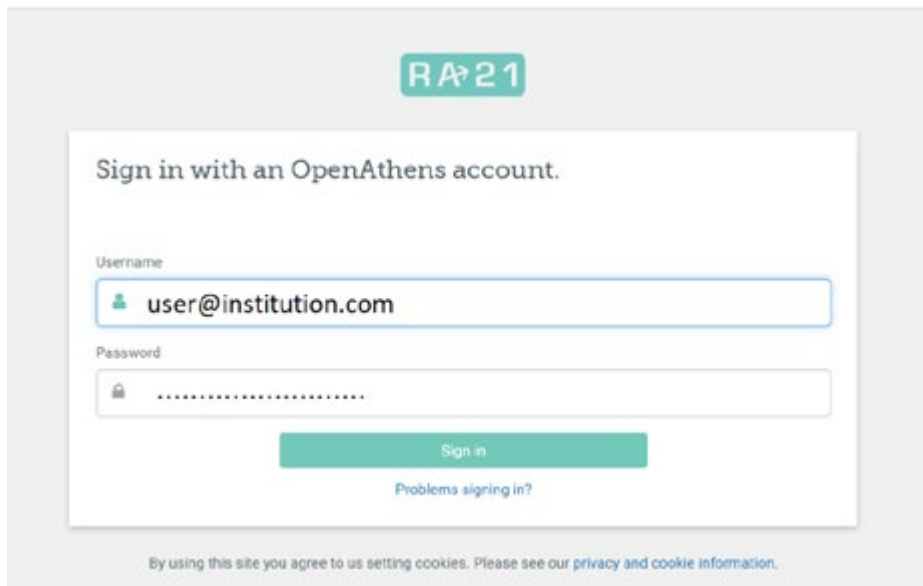
The screenshot shows a login interface for OpenAthens. At the top, there is a green logo with the text 'RA21'. Below it, the heading 'Sign in with an OpenAthens account.' is displayed. The form contains two input fields: 'Username' with the value 'user@institution.com' and a person icon, and 'Password' with masked characters. A green 'Sign in' button is positioned below the password field, with a link 'Problems signing in?' underneath it. At the bottom of the form, a small text line reads: 'By using this site you agree to us setting cookies. Please see our [privacy and cookie information](#).'

Fig 5. Logging in to the service on the branded Institution page

## Login via Shibboleth

If the User wishes to login via Shibboleth they should select their Institution name from the drop-down menu and then click the 'Log in via Shibboleth' button. Users can start typing their Institution's name in the drop-down menu to find it or scroll through the list.

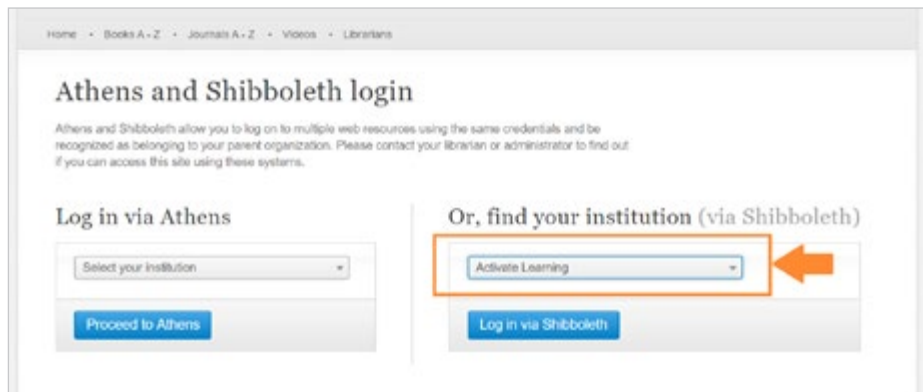
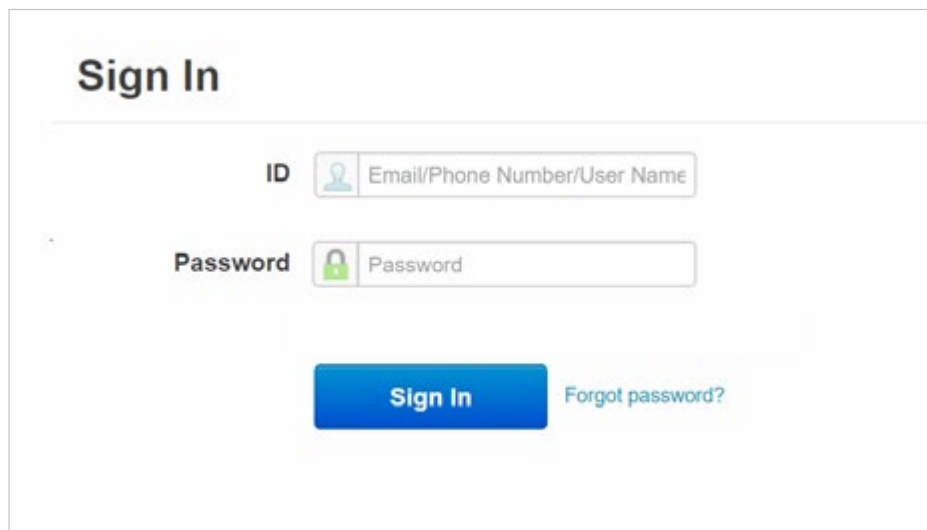
The screenshot shows a login page titled 'Athens and Shibboleth login'. It includes a navigation bar at the top with links: 'Home', 'Books A-Z', 'Journals A-Z', 'Videos', and 'Librarians'. The main content area has two sections. The left section, 'Log in via Athens', features a dropdown menu labeled 'Select your institution' and a 'Proceed to Athens' button. The right section, 'Or, find your institution (via Shibboleth)', features a dropdown menu labeled 'Activate Learning' and a 'Log in via Shibboleth' button. An orange box highlights the 'Activate Learning' dropdown menu, and an orange arrow points to it from the right.

Fig 6. Selecting to Login via Shibboleth

## Sign in via Shibboleth

The User will then be presented with a Sign in page branded as per their Institution. They should enter their username and password here to log in.

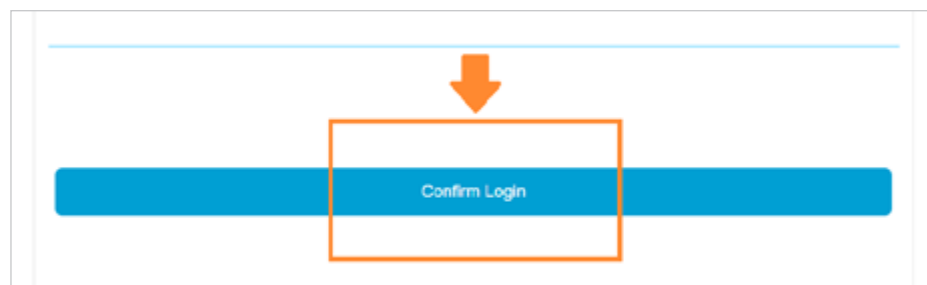


The image shows a 'Sign In' page for a Shibboleth account. At the top, the text 'Sign In' is displayed in a large, bold font. Below this, there are two input fields. The first field is labeled 'ID' and contains a placeholder text 'Email/Phone Number/User Name'. The second field is labeled 'Password' and contains a placeholder text 'Password'. Below the input fields, there is a blue button labeled 'Sign In' and a link labeled 'Forgot password?'.

Fig 7. Signing in to your Institution's Shibboleth account

## Confirm Login

The User may be presented with an additional authentication confirmation page before being able to access the content. If so, they should confirm their Log in details on this page in order to proceed.



The image shows a 'Confirm Login' button. The button is blue and has the text 'Confirm Login' in white. An orange arrow points down to the button, and an orange rectangle highlights the button.

Fig 8. Confirming login

## Logged in

Once the User is logged in they will be taken to the homepage and will be able to access all content their Institution is entitled to. Please note that the 'Sign up / Log in' link may still appear on the top right hand side of the page (Fig 6) but this can be ignored. If the User scrolls to the bottom right hand side of the page they will see their Institution's name (Fig 7). This means the User has logged in via their Institution successfully.

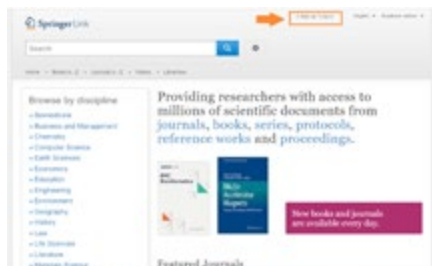


Fig 9. Homepage is shown after login

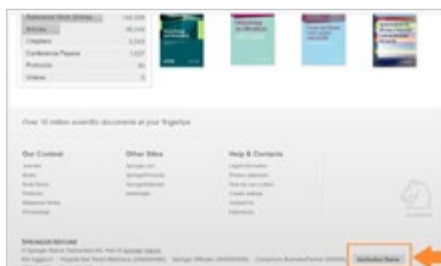


Fig 10 Institution name is shown after login

If there are problems logging in or if the User receives an error message, they should follow the 'Problems signing in?' link to seek assistance.

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