# SPRINGERLINK FEDERATED ACCESS

## User Guide

ADVANCING **DISCOVERY**

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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** on your browser or internet page and then click the '**Sign up / Log in**' link.
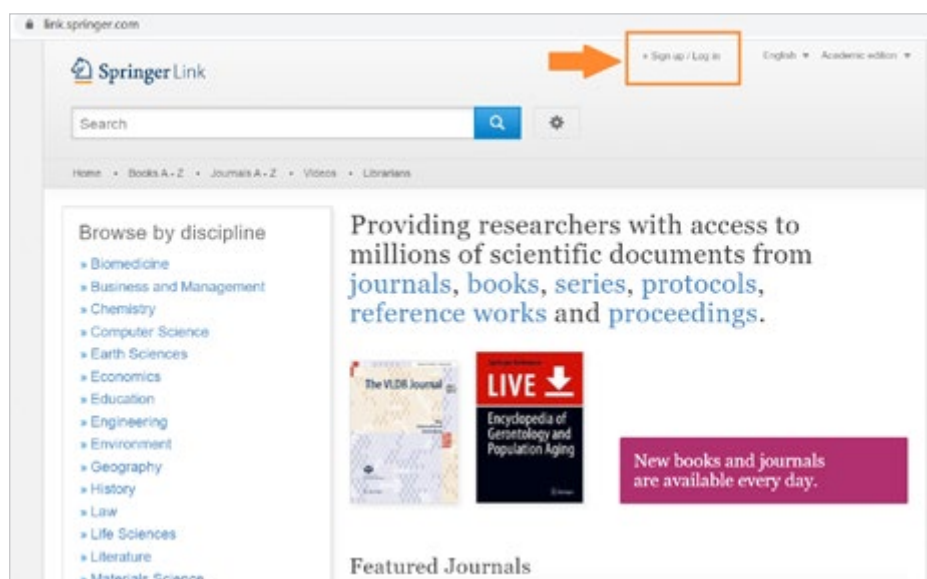


*Fig 1. SpringerLink website homepage*

# 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
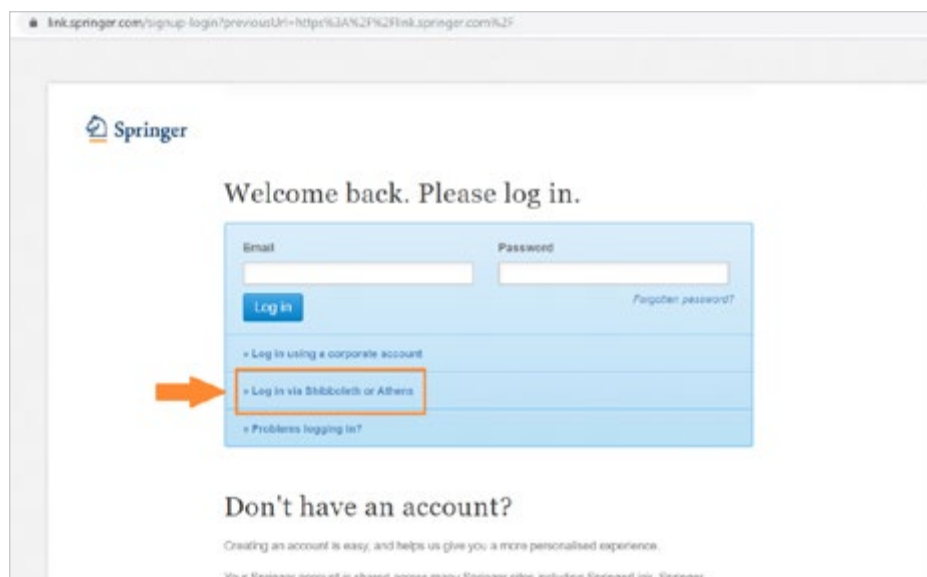


*Fig 2. Select the Shibboleth/Athens link*

# 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)
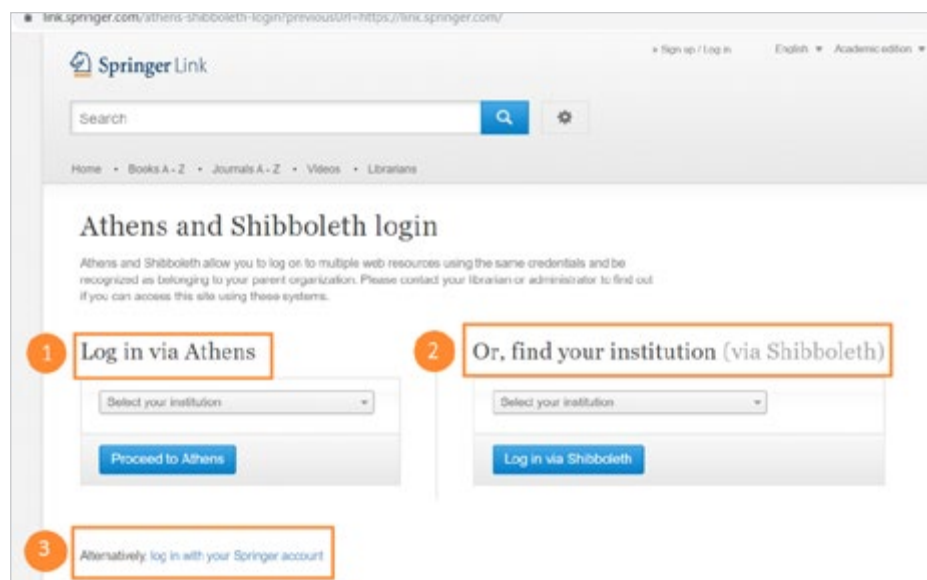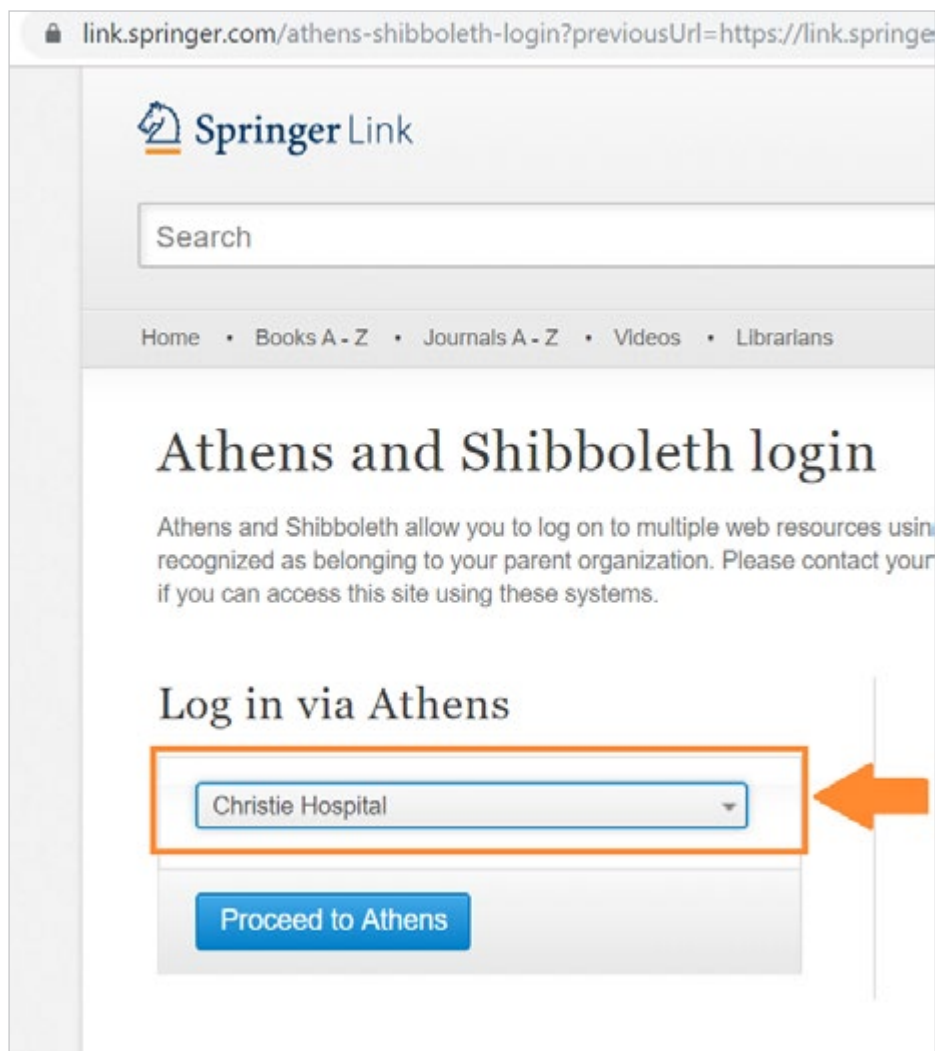
3. Via a personal user account*



*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.



*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.
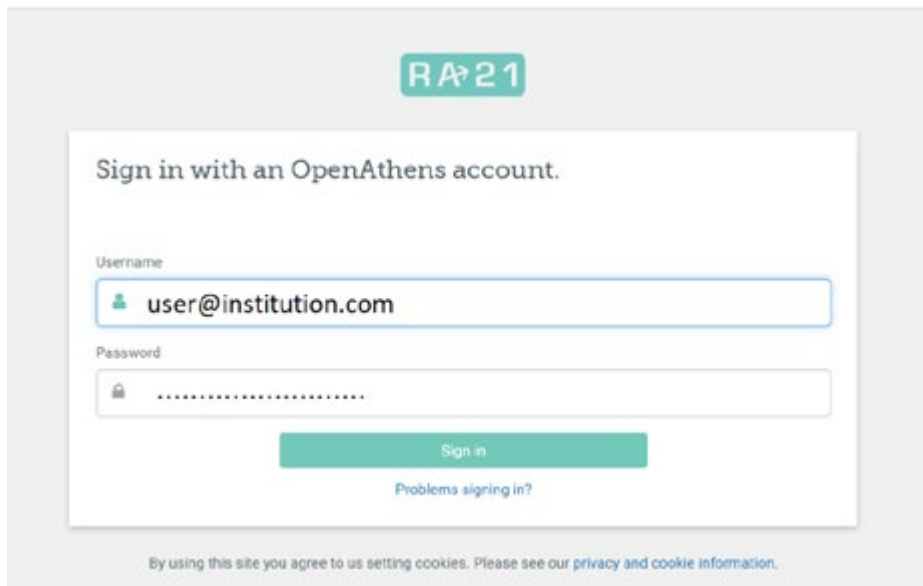


*Fig 5. Logging in to the service on the branded Institution page*

# 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.
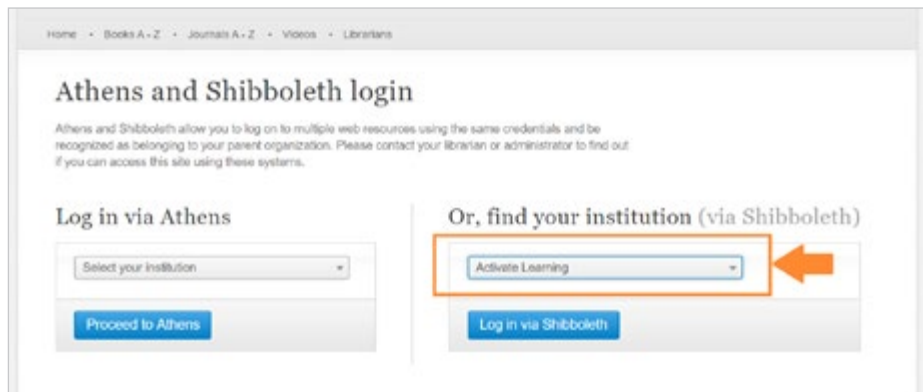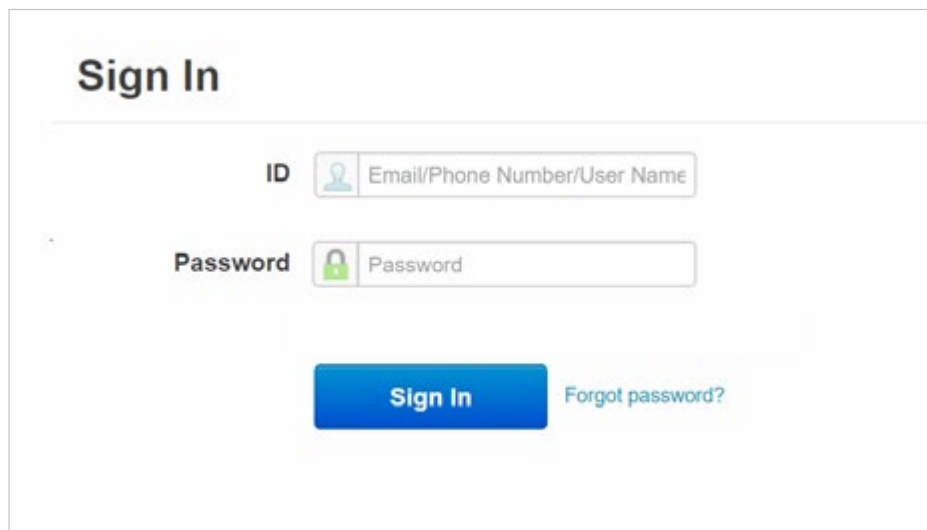


*Fig 6. Selecting to Login via Shibboleth*

# Sign in via Shibboleth

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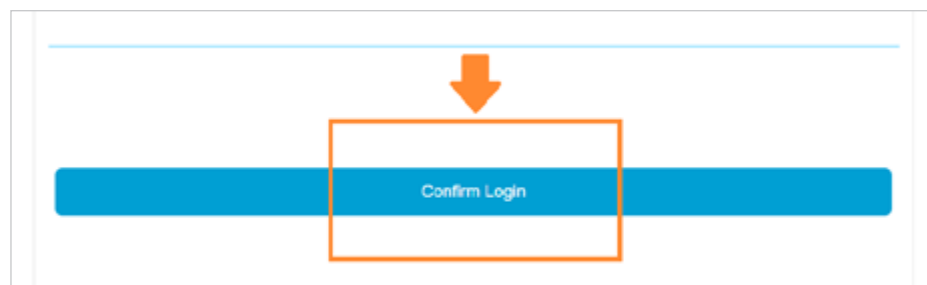They should enter their username and password here to log in.



*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.



*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.
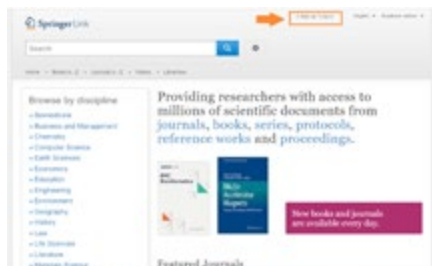


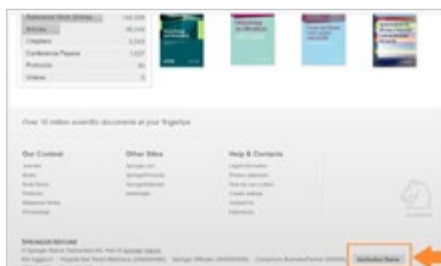*Fig 9. Homepage is shown after login*



*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.

Get in touch! If you have questions or need
help setting up your federated access contact
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