

MFA

[Multi-factor authentication](#) (MFA) and two-factor authentication (2FA) help to protect our accounts from password attacks. <https://twofactorauth.org/> lists popular web sites that support two-factor authentication. <https://er.educause.edu/blogs/2019/4/cds-spotlight-campus-mfa-practices> discusses trends in adoption of MFA on campus.

Starting August 20 2019, new accounts created at <https://identity.lsst.org/> will be required to enroll in Duo MFA, and the NCSA identity provider (<https://idp.ncsa.illinois.edu/>) will require Duo MFA for [Web SSO](#).

For information about Duo at NCSA, please visit <https://go.ncsa.illinois.edu/2fa>.

FAQ

How does Duo at NCSA relate to Federated Identity?

If you use [Federated Identity](#) for [Web SSO](#), you can authenticate with your *external identity* (university, GitHub, Google, or ORCID) rather than your NCSA identity. Your external identity provider may or may not support or require MFA. The requirement to use Duo MFA with the NCSA identity provider will not change how you authenticate with your external identity provider.

Where can I get help with MFA?

Contact help+duo@ncsa.illinois.edu for assistance.