



Cirrus Identity News



Cirrus Identity & NIH Requirements

Summary:

InCommon and NIH are working together to provide information on the new NIH requirements. The new NIH requirements are in summary:

- eRA will begin a phased approach beginning Sept 15, 2021 to enforce two-factor authentication for the NIH recipient community.
- eRA is expanding support for users to securely log in to eRA modules with InCommon Federated accounts.

Resources:

Cirrus has developed the following list of resources to assist the community:

- [Cirrus Identity NIH Resources and Solutions](#)
- [Electronic Research Administration \(eRA\) 2 Factor Authentication Access to login.gov](#)
- [InCommon Updates on NIH Identity Requirements and Plans](#)
- [InCommon - Get NIH Ready](#)
- [EDUCAUSE: Cloud-First Approach for NIH and Academic Research Access](#)
- [NIH National Center for Biotechnology Information Announcement](#)
- [InCommon NIH eRA MFA Readiness Guide](#)

Solution:

The Cirrus Identity Bridge is a multilateral federation adapter for InCommon and other eduGAIN federations. The Bridge makes it faster and easier to meet the NIH requirements. [Talk to Us!](#)

Cirrus in the IAM Community

Cirrus continues to contribute significant resources to the greater higher education IAM community. Here are some of the ways we are helping:

- **Internet2 Base Camp Sponsor** - We hope all attendees were able to enjoy time learning about IAM in higher education at Base Camp in July. CAMP is coming up in October - register now!
- **Adding OIDC support to SSP** - One of the current [GÉANT Trust and Identity incubator](#) projects is focused on adding an OpenID Connect SP to the open source SimpleSAMLPhp project. Cirrus Identity is contributing significant developer resources to this incubator.
- **Federation 2.0** - Cirrus Identity CEO has been serving on the Federation 2.0 workgroup which will soon release its draft report. Keep an eye out, and give it a read during the comment period. The workgroup is hoping for broad community feedback!
- **IAM-HER** - The community of women who work in IAM in Higher Ed and Research (IAM-HER) recently published [their new website](#). Cirrus Identity's Data Analytics and Service Desk Lead, Anne Tambe, designed the site and the new IAM-HER logo.

Cirrus Collaborations

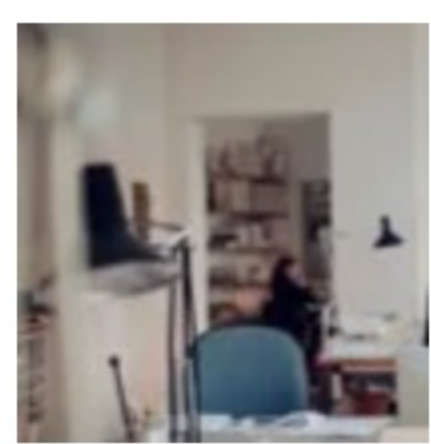
Cirrus is very proud to announce new collaborations that make it easier for institutions to find Cirrus solutions.



- The Cirrus SAML and CAS Bridges are now available in the **Microsoft Azure AD application gallery!** [See us in the App Gallery](#) and [Press Release](#)
- Cirrus is a trusted **InCommon Catalyst Partner!** [See the Cirrus Solutions for InCommon](#)
- **MidPoint and Cirrus Identity Collaboration - Evolveum** and Cirrus are working together on a handful of Proof Concept integrations to demonstrate flows for provisioning and deprovisioning "external users" (guests, applicants, alumni, suppliers or retirees) who have registered with social logins. We will look for opportunities to share the results at ACAMP during [InCommon and GÉANT CAMP October 4-8, 2021!](#)

Cirrus is Hiring!

Cirrus continues to grow! We have added more highly experienced part-time development resources to our outstanding team and we are hiring a [Full-Stack Identity Engineer](#). Please share with your network!



[See the Cirrus Team](#)

Cirrus Identity Product Updates

New Features!

Since June, Cirrus has been working on the following:

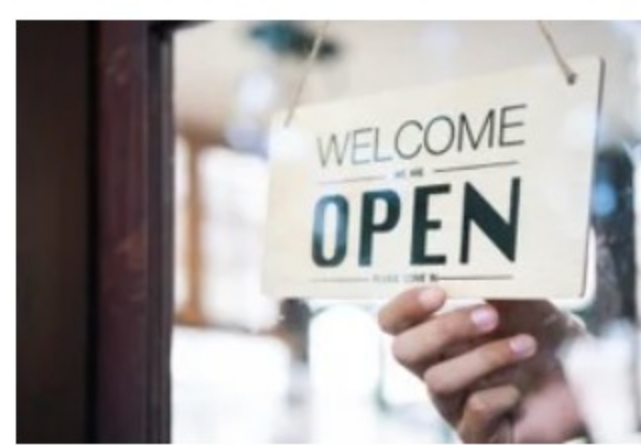
- A feature to automatically extend expired Invitations that meet configuration criteria. The initial release is scheduled by the end of 2021. The user interface in the Cirrus Console has been released early to facilitate quality assurance testing.
- Metadata infrastructure improvements that will enable Cirrus Identity to continue to enhance our services.
- A Bridge enhancement that allows MFA and attribute release to be configured for individual SPs is in testing and expected to be generally available by the end of 2021. This works great with both Okta and Azure AD configurations.
- The Higher Education Vendor Assessment Toolkit (HEVAT) has been updated for 2021. Please email support@cirrusidentity.com if you would like the latest version!

Cirrus product suggestions are always welcome, and can be submitted to [Cirrus Support](#).

Cirrus Customer Highlights

Welcome to New Customers!

We are happy to announce that we will be working with the following institutions to streamline access:



- Chapman University
- Lock Haven University
- Mansfield University
- University of Missouri System
- Oregon Institute of Technology
- Pomona College



Customer Spotlight: 3 Challenges, 1 Solution

Cirrus Bridge implementations continue to grow as more campuses simplify and consolidate their IAM systems and look for easier solutions to meet requirements for InCommon's Baseline 2 and NIH.

Three Business Challenges:

1. Some institutions are moving to a cloud-first strategy and need a Federation Adapter to maintain their integration with InCommon. Most enterprise IAM solutions don't support multilateral federation.
2. Others want a CAS Bridge for SSO to give them time to migrate services to SAML.
3. Yet others are joining InCommon for the first time and don't have the resources to run Shibboleth or SimpleSAMLphp.

One Bridge Solution:

Cirrus is an extension of your team during the 1-4 week average Bridge implementation. We guide the team through the documentation and advise along the way. See our Bridge Customer Success Use Cases for more details:

- [University of Notre Dame](#)
- [Cégep de Trois-Rivières](#)

See how Cirrus is helping customers solve IAM challenges: See the EDUCAUSE article [Cloud-First Approach for NIH and Academic Research Access](#) and all our [Customer Success Use Cases](#).

Executive Letter from Dedra Chamberlin, CEO

I hope you and yours are staying healthy! The start of a new academic year is upon us with all the excitement, uncertainty and identity and access work that is involved! Since all of us at Cirrus come from higher education, we understand the challenges! The start of the year means applicants are matriculating, parents need access and new instructors have to configure a class in the LMS before their official start date. It's hard to carve out the time to improve and maintain processes, but Cirrus solutions can help! Let's talk about how we can work together so your team can focus on the critical priorities!



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