How do I set up guest access for my institution?

EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS) and Full Text Finder offer the ability to grant guest access to non-authenticated users. In order to use guest access, administrators must first have an EBSCO authentication method or proxy configured in EBSCOadmin.

To enable guest access, follow this three step process:

For more information on guest access, click here.

1. Configure your desired authentication method in EBSCOadmin under the Authentication tab. For detailed instructions, see this FAQ: What authentication methods are available for accessing EBSCO interfaces?

   If you are interested in using your proxy server for authentication, create a proxy prefix definition in EBSCOadmin and apply it to your persistent links. For detailed instructions, see this FAQ: In EBSCOadmin, how can I embed my Proxy Server settings in my EBSCOhost URL?

2. In EBSCOadmin, select the profile and click the Linking sub-tab. Select your desired authentication method under the Enable Guest Access and Configure an Authentication Method drop-down menu, and Submit your changes.

   Note: The proxy name has to be selected under Primary Proxy for Persistent Links in EBSCOadmin in order for the proxy ID to appear in the drop-down menu for Enable Guest Access and Configure an Authentication Method.

3. Provide your users with a URL that specifies guest access. You'll find a URL listed under the Enable Guest Access and Configure an Authentication Method drop-down menu, after you have submitted your changes in Step 2.

   Example: http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=guest&custid={CUSTOMER ID}&groupid=main