

## RC-01: Participate in a research discussion forum

A **researcher** wants to participate in an online, research-specific discussion forum. The researcher has already registered with XSEDE.

In most cases, the **researcher** wants to experience it as follows.

1. First, the researcher visits the XSEDE website and looks for (and finds) a section for community discussion forums.
2. Then, the researcher searches or browses the available discussion forums looking for any related to his/her research.
3. When the researcher finds a suitable forum, he/she is able to view topic threads created by other researchers, add responses to existing threads, create new topic threads, and manage personal email notifications for activity in the forum and/or individual topic threads.

It'll always be like that, except when the researcher doesn't find a relevant forum in Step 2. In that case, the researcher should have a way to propose a new discussion forum on a topic of interest to him/her.

We'll take any solution, as long as...

1. The solution should use the normal XSEDE identity and authentication mechanism.
2. Each discussion forum must support moderation functions (review and approval or rejection of individual posts) for designated XSEDE researchers and staff.
3. The solution should not require the researcher to have an active or prior XSEDE allocation.