



# Giving Higher-Education Communities Quick, Secure Access to the Resources They Need

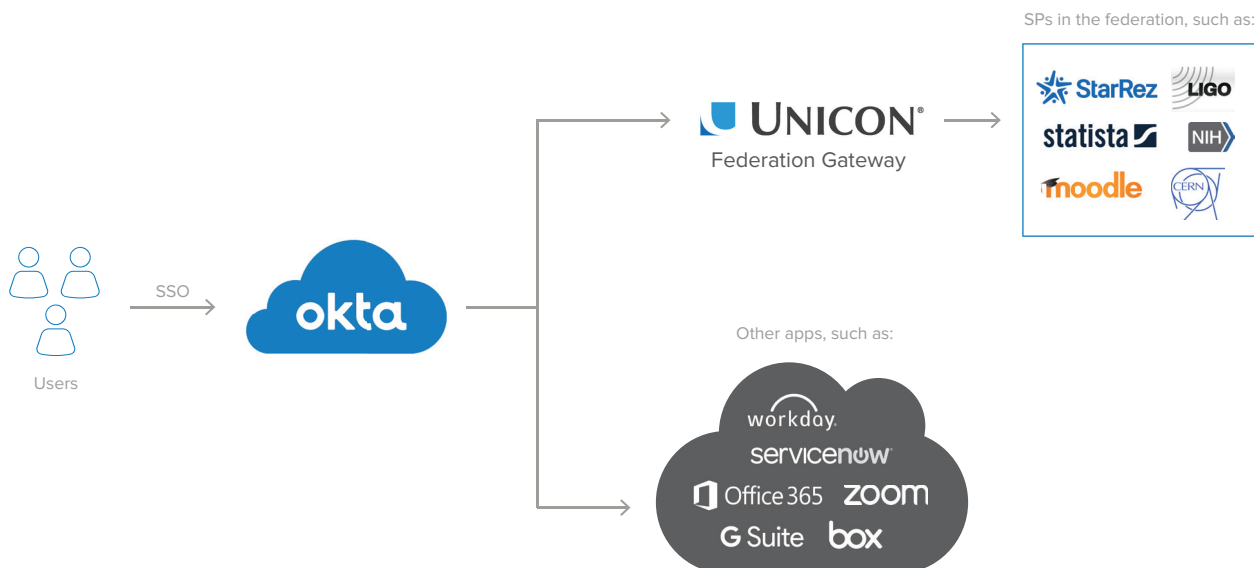
Students, faculty, and staff require anywhere/anytime access to a wide variety of applications, including educational resources and campus-related tools, made available within a federation like InCommon, along with other technologies. But providing campus users quick access to the resources they need without compromising security can be a tall order—and can often leave IT teams scrambling to support an increasingly complex environment. Okta + Unicon combine to provide a best-in-class solution to connect campus populations directly and securely to all the resources they need, all in one place.

## Quickly and securely connect campus users to all their apps

A modern college network relies on a multitude of online educational resources, campus-related software solutions, and other applications. Some resources are accessed through a federation like InCommon®, which often requires IT to support on-premises technologies like Shibboleth to connect to, and others reside outside of a federation, including cloud-based applications such as Box and Office 365. Securely and efficiently managing access to all of these diverse applications can

be a challenge. The Okta + Unicon Federation Gateway integration solves that challenge.

Unicon has developed a cloud-based gateway that enables users to sign in with Okta and quickly access all the applications within a federation, alongside their other applications. The integration simplifies the login process for end users, who can take advantage of Single Sign-On (SSO) and self-service password resets, and adds enhanced security for sensitive resources with Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA).



## Together, Okta + Unicon let you:

- Quickly connect campus users with the apps they need and maintain the connections over time, inside and outside of federations like InCommon
- Use centralized identity management to simplify and secure app access, providing an intuitive SSO experience backed by adaptive MFA
- Accelerate the institution's migration away from maintaining on-premises solutions and toward cloud-hosted efficiencies

## How it works

Trusted identity federations like InCommon, Canadian Access Federation (CAF), and eduGAIN make a wide variety of apps and services available to various campus communities like students, faculty, and staff. Okta integrates with Unicon to help campus IT teams manage these users and apps efficiently, so they can quickly connect campus users to the resources they need and provide stable, secure, and intuitive experiences. Unicon worked closely with Okta to develop the Federation Gateway, hosted in the AWS cloud, to create a safe, streamlined experience that scales and to extend Okta's Identity Cloud benefits like SSO, MFA, and self-service password resets across those third party federation apps as well.

Campuses can continue updating user profiles with their familiar on-premises or cloud identity providers; these users and groups are then pulled in and centralized in Okta's Universal Directory. Each time a student, faculty member, or staffer wants to access a supported third party resource, they're first authenticated via Okta. If the school's access policies grant the request, an access request is automatically sent to the service provider via the Unicon Federation Gateway for fulfillment, getting authorized users up to speed quickly with everything they need to succeed.

## Now higher education institutions can:

- Give students, faculty, and staff easy and secure access to a wide variety of educational and campus-related resources, tools, and applications
- Enable IT to centrally manage identity and access controls so they can streamline app onboarding and stay abreast of changing campus populations
- Relieve traditional dependence on on-premises resources and shift to cloud efficiencies

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## About Okta

Okta is the leading independent provider of identity for the enterprise. The Okta Identity Cloud enables organizations to securely connect the right people to the right technologies at the right time. With over 6,000 pre-built integrations to applications and infrastructure providers, Okta customers can easily and securely use the best technologies for their business. Over 6,100 organizations,

including the University of Notre Dame, San Jose State University, St. Edward's University, Ursinus College, Oklahoma Wesleyan University, and Maryville University, trust Okta to help protect the identities of their workforces and customers.

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