# OFFPATH BoF Scope

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This is a BoF about forming an IRTF Research Group

- The IRTF process document is RFC2014

- The requirements are different, mostly looser, than for an IETF wg

- Forming an RG requires approval of the IRTF chair
  - Formed in consultation with the IRSG and IAB

Research groups tend to be:
- Focused
- Long-term
- Small
- Open or closed
- May or may not meet at IETF
- May hold topical workshops
- Speak no louder than an other IETF member

# How does the IETF benefit from RGs?

- Allows new proposals to mature before IETF adoption

- Focuses researchers on ideas important to the Internet

- Brings researchers into the IETF orbit

# Why do research in the IRTF?

- Foster cross-organizational collaboration

- Obtain 'critical mass'

- Increase visibility and impact of research

# Criteria for an RG

- Clarity of Scope

- Utility

- Energy & Expertise

- Leadership

- This proposal is about research

  - Proposing IETF work is out of scope

  - Research does not require consistency with other parts of the IETF technology suite

# Questions

- Is there related work not mentioned?

- Are there related communities who might be interested in using/contributing to this work?

- Will you participate in an RG?

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