

# Follow User

## Endpoint

**URL:** `/:projectId/users/:userId/follow`

**Method:** `POST`

**Authentication Required:** Yes

## Description

Create a follow relationship between the authenticated user and another user.

## Request

### Path Parameters

Parameter	Type	Required	Description
<code>userId</code>	<code>string</code>	Yes	ID of the user to follow.

### Headers

Header	Type	Required	Description
<code>Authorization</code>	<code>string</code>	Yes	Bearer token for authentication.

### Body Parameters

None

## Example Request

```
POST /proj1234/users/abcd123/follow
Authorization: Bearer <ACCESS_TOKEN>
```

## Response

### Success Response (201 Created)

(No response body)

## Error Responses

### Self-Follow Attempt (400 Bad Request)

```
{
  "error": "A user cannot follow themselves.",
  "code": "follow/self-follow"
}
```

### User Not Found (404 Not Found)

```
{
  "error": "One or both users involved in the follow do not exist.",
  "code": "follow/user-not-found"
}
```

### Already Following (409 Conflict)

```
{
  "error": "Follow relationship already exists.",
  "code": "follow/already-exists"
}
```

## Server Error (500 Internal Server Error)

```
{
  "error": "Internal server error.",
  "code": "follow/server-error",
  "details": "<Error message>"
}
```

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## Notes

- This endpoint creates a `Follow` relationship in the database.
- A notification of type `new-follow` is triggered after the follow is created.
- Users cannot follow themselves.
- Duplicate follow requests are blocked with a 409 status.

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