

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM FOR A-01060020

We learned that University 1¹ received an email message from the complainant,² a former post-doctoral researcher at University 2,³ that alleged the subject,⁴ presently a faculty member at University 1, committed plagiarism as a graduate student working with the complainant at University 2 when he took the complainant's text and ideas. The complainant said that the subject was supported by an NSF award⁵ while he was at University 2. Because University 1 informed us that it would perform a preliminary review of this allegation, we deferred our inquiry to University 1.

After reviewing the information it received, University 1 informed us it could proceed with an inquiry only if NSF could provide it with some evidence that it could use to evaluate the allegation since the complainant neither provided any supporting evidence it could use nor submitted a formal signed complaint, required under its policy.

The complainant has submitted several allegations to our office, which resulted in the initiation of four cases⁶ at four universities. In this case, as in the other three, the complainant failed to provide any evidence to support the allegation. Because he failed to provide us with substantive documentation in support of this allegation of plagiarism, we notified University 1 that we are closing this case.

This inquiry is closed and no further action will be taken.

cc: Investigations, IG

¹ [REDACTED] (University 1).

² [REDACTED] was a former post-doc at the [REDACTED] (University 2).

³ [REDACTED] (University 2).

⁴ The subject, [REDACTED] is a faculty member in the [REDACTED] at University 1.

⁵ [REDACTED] entitled [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] submitted by subject 1 as PI and [REDACTED] as co-PI.

⁶ A 01-09, A 01-19, A 01-20, and A 01-28.