



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A02120056

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The Office of Inspector General (OIG) at the National Science Foundation (NSF) received an allegation that a visiting scientist<sup>1</sup>, working in the capacity of Program Officer<sup>2</sup>, participated in the handling of a proposal<sup>3</sup> in which a person<sup>4</sup> with whom he had a close personal relationship was named as "Research Associate/Co-Investigator."

The OIG investigation did not discover any evidence that the program officer had a relationship with the "Research Associate/Co-Investigator" which would have violated 18 U.S.C. § 208, Acts Affecting a Personal Financial Interest; or NSF Manual 15, Conflicts of Interest and Standards of Ethical Conduct. During the interview of the program officer, he denied ever sharing a household with the "Research Associate/Co-Investigator" or having any other joint financial interests with her.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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