



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A-05030007

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We received allegations from the complainant¹ that the subject² committed misconduct when she misrepresented her expertise to NSF in a proposal submitted to NSF³ and when she attempted to get credit for the work of others, reporting this falsely to NSF.

Our review included the NSF awarded proposal, the Annual Report, and numerous emails and other documents provided to us about this matter. We learned that the NSF award involved numerous individuals, including faculty members from more than one institution, senior personnel, post doctorates, graduate students, and technical programmers. The broad project encompassed many different collaborative parts. The information we received from the complainant showed that the collaborative relationship between the subject and the complainant and several of the complainant's colleagues had deteriorated to the point where the subject requested to be removed from the project. We noted that this was the result of several misunderstandings the developed between the subject and the complainant about expectations of the work to be done and of the sharing of credit.

We found no evidence the subject misrepresented her expertise to NSF in the proposal submitted to NSF. Further, we found no evidence that the subject attempted to get credit for the work of others or to falsely report the work of others as hers to NSF.

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

¹The complainant, [REDACTED] is [REDACTED]

² The subject, [REDACTED] is [REDACTED]

³ NSF Award [REDACTED] entitled "[REDACTED]" submitted by PI, [REDACTED], and co-PIs, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. The subject was listed [REDACTED]