



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A11040029

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NSF OIG received an allegation that a professor (Subject)¹ had published manuscripts, one of which contained NSF-funded research,² without acknowledging the intellectual contribution and authorship role of his former graduate student (Student).³

The University⁴ conducted an inquiry and investigation into the allegation, and provided our office with its reports and their attachments. Based on its investigation, the Investigation Committee concluded that the Student and the Subject had "an acrimonious dispute" resulting in the Student's resignation from the Subject's research group. The Committee concluded, based on a preponderance of the evidence, that the Subject knowingly and recklessly committed misconduct, deemed a significant departure from accepted practices of the research community, and the University took action against the Subject.

The University's assessment is consistent with its policy. We also believe that the University's actions adequately protect the federal interests. Accordingly, this case is closed and no further action taken.

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(PI: Subject).