



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A11060039

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We assessed an allegation that a principal investigator¹ (PI) at a university² committed research misconduct by engaging in data fabrication and falsification in four published manuscripts³ which either acknowledged NSF support or were cited as preliminary results or products in NSF proposals/awards.⁴ The university conducted an inquiry and the inquiry panel's final report concluded that no research misconduct had occurred. However, remedial training sessions for the PI on research record keeping were recommended and for the PI to develop a plan to ensure the appropriate maintenance of research records. Our conclusion is that we concur with the inquiry panel's findings and a questionable research practice warning letter was sent to the PI regarding research record keeping. We also requested documentation of the PI's completion of the remedial training sessions and the PI's development of research records maintenance plan. Accordingly, this case is closed with no further action taken.

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