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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A13010012

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We received an allegation of plagiarism in an NSF proposal.¹ The concern expressed was that the proposal contained text from a Ph.D. student's dissertation completed under the direction of the PI listed on the proposal. Analysis of the proposal indicated that there was only a small overlap of text between the proposal and the dissertation. Also, the student was listed in the budget justification section as the post doctoral candidate that would be funded by the proposal.

Based on the limited overlap in text and that the student was listed as a participant on the proposal, we determined that the matter did not rise to the level of research misconduct. Accordingly, this case is closed with no further action taken.

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