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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A13030051

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Closeout

We reviewed an allegation that an assistant professor¹ (Subject) had created a false entry on the biographical sketch for one of his NSF Proposals², as well as that he had plagiarized text into the NSF Proposal. Our review found that, while there was inadequate attribution to the text, much of the text was cited to the source. In addition, the amount of copied text was relatively small. We also examined three of the Subject's other NSF proposals, including a CAREER. We found no further copied text.

In addressing the allegedly falsely claimed publication, the Subject stated that the incorrect biographical sketch entry was an error due to his process. We also found that his unorthodox method of indicating submitted work with the word "pending" creates the impression that the work is instead forthcoming.

We determined that these actions did not warrant a full investigation into possible research misconduct. We warned the Subject, sending him a Questionable Research Practice letter, which reminded him of the importance of avoiding research practices that may lead to the impression of research misconduct.

This case is closed with no further action taken.

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