

CLOSEOUT of CASE M-00030009

We were informed by a program officer<sup>1</sup> that an allegation of plagiarism had been made against an NSF-funded PI.<sup>2, 3</sup> The PI, himself, informed the program officer about this allegation. The PI told us that a colleague<sup>4</sup> brought the allegation against him to his university, but that the allegation was unfounded. He said this colleague was asked to write a chapter of an NSF-funded document, but had withheld the chapter until her concerns about authorship issues were addressed. The PI said his colleague was concerned about whether she would be listed as the primary author of the chapter, and was unclear about subsequent use of her chapter by other members of the research team. The PI thought her concerns were based, in part, on his earlier statements about giving credit to original sources<sup>5</sup> of the information.

With the assistance of the university's grievance officer, the PI and the colleague settled the matter and signed an agreement that specified how attribution and authorship would be handled.

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

CC: IG, Integrity

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