

Closeout for M97100037

On October 21, 1997, an NSF program manager¹ informed OIG of a potential allegation of misconduct in science. The program manager said he had heard that the subject² had used his position and influence to prevent some scientists (his former students) from submitting a proposal to NSF that would compete with his own. Unfortunately, the program manager could not remember the names of the subject's former students or the individual who told him about the alleged interference. OIG asked the program manager to try to locate the names of the students in any of his notes or other correspondences he may have. The program manager was unable to find any of these names. Without additional information, OIG cannot pursue this allegation.

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

cc: Legal, AIG-Oversight, IG

¹ (footnote redacted).

² (footnote redacted).