

CLOSEOUT FOR M98030012

This case came to OIG on March 26, 1998, when we received an anonymous letter alleging that two researchers had misrepresented their credentials in a proposal to NSF. The letter alleged that the researchers had misrepresented themselves as possessing Bachelor of Science degrees. The researchers were Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] (the subjects). The proposal, which received NSF funding, is [REDACTED], entitled [REDACTED] ”

OIG examined the proposal and determined that neither subject had made the alleged misrepresentations. The subjects' representations were consistent with what the letter writer alleged the actual facts to be. We concluded that the allegation lacked substance.

The letter writer also alleged that there was a “lack of meaningful credentialed input into the execution of the grant’s mission” caused by the departure of [REDACTED] a senior educator (the educator) associated with the project. OIG determined that the educator was not the principal investigator or project director for the award and that the awardee therefore did not have an obligation to inform NSF about this change in personnel (*Grant Policy Manual* §312). OIG further determined that the alleged lack of meaningful credentialed input into the project’s execution was a management issue. When OIG receives information that raises credible and substantive program management issues, OIG refers that information to NSF to evaluate whether the issues warrant management action. Because the alleged lack of meaningful credentialed input was not supported by the available evidence, OIG concluded that this issue did not warrant a referral by OIG to NSF program management.

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