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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-17-0093-O

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We investigated an allegation that a former graduate student (student) was falsely listed on annual reports for an NSF award on which he did not work. Specially, the student worked on Award 1, but was listed on project reports for Award 1 and Award 2. The student did not work on Award 2. Although he worked full time on Award 1, Award 2's project report stated that he worked 2 months, meaning that he would have worked more than 12 person months in a single year. In addition, we determined that he was listed as a participant of both awards after he left the university. Through documents obtained via subpoena, we determined he was not paid from Award 2.

The investigation also uncovered potential salary overpayments to several faculty members and an unrelated travel charge. In response to an intent letter, the university adequately explained and documented the overpayment concerns and paid back over \$2,000 for the unrelated travel charge.

We counseled the PIs on the importance of providing accurate information in annual and final reports to NSF.

This case is **closed** with no further action taken.