



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-21-0054-O

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We received an allegation of retaliation from a faculty member (Complainant) at a university. The Complainant alleged that after he reported research misconduct related to two NSF awards, the university retaliated against him by: (1) terminating his contract as liaison for STEM International Programs, and (2) deviating from standard practices and not supporting or advising him during two NSF OIG investigations into his expenditure of funds and conduct of research.

We provided the Complainant with our standard Complaint Form to collect additional information to determine whether our office was required to investigate the allegations pursuant to applicable statutes. Our jurisdictional analysis concluded that we lacked jurisdiction to proceed with an investigation because: (1) the grants at issue were awarded prior to the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, so that its protections did not apply, and (2) the grants at issue were not amended or awarded on or after July 1, 2013, so that we also lacked jurisdiction pursuant to 41 USC 4712.

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