



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-21-0023-O

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We investigated an allegation that an NSF Program Officer had undisclosed affiliations with foreign institutions. As part of our investigation, we requested and reviewed border crossing records and the subject's NSF emails, financial disclosures, time and attendance records, and conflict of interest filings.

Our investigation confirmed that the subject failed to disclose outside positions for himself and his wife and found evidence of time and attendance fraud. We also discovered that the subject spent significant time teleworking while traveling internationally, despite being advised by NSF that he could not. When interviewed, the subject acknowledged the external positions and that he had not properly reported them on his annual financial disclosures to NSF. The subject left NSF's employment before the conclusion of our investigation.

We referred the matter for prosecution to the Civil Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia and to the Department of Justice's Public Integrity Division. Both referrals were declined. NSF's Office of General Counsel advised that it was limited in the actions it could take against the subject because he was no longer an employee.

This case is closed with no further action taken.