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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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A University notified us that it received an allegation that a graduate student plagiarized in a manuscript, three posters, and a declined Graduate Research Fellowship Program proposal. The University conducted an inquiry and determined that an investigation was warranted. We concurred and referred the investigation to the University.

The University found that the graduate student committed research misconduct when she plagiarized material into the proposal. It determined that the allegations related to the manuscript and the posters did not meet the definition of plagiarism. The University required that the graduate student read and summarize four documents related to plagiarism and scholarly writing.

We reviewed the investigation report and independently analyzed the proposal for plagiarism. We confirmed a small amount of plagiarized text. We determined that the amount of copied text was a departure, but not a significant departure, from accepted research practices and that no further investigation was warranted. We sent the Subject a Questionable Research Practices letter urging her to follow proper rules of citation when preparing documents.

This case is closed with no further action taken.