

Case Closeout Memorandum

OIG Case Number I-24-0011-O | October 17, 2024

A university informed us that it conducted an inquiry into plagiarism allegations against the authors of a paper that acknowledged NSF funding. When the authors of the paper learned of the allegations, they revised the paper to remove the plagiarism and the acknowledgement to NSF. The university determined an investiation was warranted. We referred the investigation to the university asking the university to address whether NSF funding should have been acknowledged in the paper.

The university found the paper was not supported by NSF funds and the original acknowledgement was made in error. We concurred with the university's assessment. Therefore, NSF has no jurisdiction in this matter.

This case is closed with no further action taken.