



U.S. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
Office of Inspector General

Case Closeout Memorandum

OIG Case Number I-22-0045-O | January 15, 2024

We received an allegation that a proposal submitted to a foreign funding agency contained material plagiarized from a declined NSF proposal. The foreign proposal's Principal Investigator (PI) reviewed the declined NSF proposal. The foreign funding agency determined that the PI plagiarized text and ideas from the declined NSF proposal. We concurred that the PI plagiarized text from the declined proposal and violated the confidentiality of NSF's merit review process. NSF prohibited the foreign proposal's PI from serving as a reviewer, advisor, or consultant for NSF for 3 years.

This case is closed with no further action taken.