



U.S. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
Office of Inspector General

Case Closeout Memorandum

OIG Case Number I-22-0023-O | September 23, 2024

A proactive review of Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) awards identified a company whose Principal Investigator (PI) was employed with another company in violation of NSF's primary employment requirements. Our investigation substantiated that on 19 occasions, the PI worked more than 19.6 hours a week at another company while concurrently PI on the NSF SBIR award. This investigation was referred and accepted by the U.S. Attorney's Office, and the company entered into a False Claims Act settlement, agreeing to pay back over \$152,000.

This case is closed with no further action taken.