



U.S. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
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Case Closeout Memorandum

OIG Case Number I-25-0033-O

Allegation:

Research misconduct-Plagiarism

Case Activities:

We received an allegation that a declined NSF proposal (Proposal) contained material plagiarized from an external article (Source). We reviewed the Proposal and the Source and confirmed there was some attributed overlapping material. The PI was not listed as an author on the Source.

We sent an inquiry letter to the PI about the plagiarism allegation and they responded. The PI acknowledged copying some material from the Source without attribution and accepted responsibility.

We sent a questionable research practice letter to the PI, emphasizing the importance of scholarly writing and appropriate citation in all proposal sections.

This case is closed with no further action taken.