



**U.S. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**  
**Office of Inspector General**

## **Case Closeout Memorandum**

OIG Case Number I-23-0014-O

We received an allegation of plagiarism in an NSF proposal. The University conducted an investigation and determined that the Subject committed plagiarism in two NSF proposals and at least one other proposal to another federal agency. The Subject resigned from the University in lieu of a formal hearing.

NSF issued a letter of reprimand, debarred the Subject for one year, required certification of training in responsible and ethical conduct of research, required four years of certifications by the Subject and assurances by the Subject's employer that proposals submitted to NSF do not contain plagiarism, data fabrication, or data falsification, a four year prohibition from serving as an NSF reviewer, advisor, or consultant, and a one year prohibition from serving as a rotator at NSF.

This case is closed with no further action taken.