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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A13010007

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A university notified us that it was investigating a graduate student for data falsification. Based on its investigation, the university determined that the subject used falsified data in his dissertation which was subsequently used by his mentor in a draft manuscript. The university directed that the last chapter of the subject's dissertation be withdrawn.

During our investigation, we concluded the university followed reasonable procedures and agreed that the student fabricated data in his dissertation that was also included in a manuscript. We recommended NSF make a finding of research misconduct and send the Subject a letter of reprimand. We also recommend NSF require the Subject to complete a Responsible Conduct of Research training program. Finally, we recommended that NSF require the Subject to submit certifications and assurances, and that NSF bar the Subject from participating as a peer reviewer, consultant or advisor for a period of three years. NSF made a finding of research misconduct and sent a letter of reprimand.

The subject appealed, but the decision was upheld.

This case is **closed** with no further action taken.