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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A14060030

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We received an allegation that three fellowship recipients were ineligible for the grants they received because they had provided false information on their applications regarding their status in joint professional degree programs (e.g PhD and MD programs). Their grants were being terminated by the agency.

A review of the evidence indicates that all three recipients provided truthful information in their application packages. The individuals believed they were eligible for the grants because they had suspended their MD programs while completing their PhD programs. None of the three hid their MD/PhD status in their applications.

As a part of the review process, the agency concluded that the language regarding joint professional degrees was somewhat ambiguous and clarified the language for future announcements. On appeal, one fellowship was reinstated while the other two were terminated.

Based on our review, there is insufficient evidence to support an allegation of false statements or fraud by the three recipients to obtain the fellowships. Therefore, this case is closed with no further action taken.