



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-16-0017-O

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NSF OIG received an institution's research misconduct investigation report regarding numerous acts of research misconduct committed by a research scientist and PI who were supported by one NSF award and several awards from another federal agency. At that time, the other federal agency agreed to be the lead investigative agency in this matter. The institution subsequently communicated a second and third set of data falsification allegations to our office and the other federal agency and conducted a second investigation.

The institution's two investigations concluded data images in multiple figures of publications were falsified and represented acts of research misconduct committed intentionally by the former research scientist and at least recklessly by the former PI. Our overall review of the institution's two research misconduct investigation reports concluded the nexus of the identified research misconduct pertained to research funded by the other federal agency.

Accordingly, this case is closed with no further action taken.