



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-17-0039-O

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We investigated allegations that a graduate student lied on his application for an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship. The allegations indicated that the subject had attended multiple universities using multiple names and Social Security numbers. Along with several other OIGs and the U.S. Attorney's Office, we reviewed records, executed a search warrant, conducted multiple interviews, and determined the allegations were substantiated. The subject falsely certified on his Graduate Research Fellowship application that he was not delinquent on student loans, and falsified letters of recommendation submitted with the application.

The subject was charged via information with one count each of Wire Fraud, 18 U.S.C. § 1343; Theft of Government Money, 18 U.S.C. § 641; and Passport Fraud, 18 U.S.C. § 1542. The subject pled guilty to all 3 counts, and was sentenced to 27 months of imprisonment to be followed by 3 years of supervised release. The court also entered a restitution order for more than \$500,000, around \$130,000 of which will be paid to NSF.

Based on our recommendation, NSF terminated the subject's fellowship. Another agency will pursue government-wide debarment of the subject.

This case is closed.