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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-18-0015-O

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We received an allegation that a PI on an NSF proposal committed plagiarism. Our inquiry did not dispel the allegation and we referred the matter to the PI's institution for investigation.

The PI's institution concluded, based on a preponderance of the evidence, that the Subject recklessly committed plagiarism, which it deemed a significant departure from accepted practices of the relevant research community. The institution required that the PI complete remedial training; not submit external funding requests until training completion; review with plagiarism software all external funding applications on which he is PI, and all manuscripts bearing his name, for 5 years; not have graduate faculty status for 2 years; and not have dissertation advisor status for 5 years.

Our independent investigation determined that the institution's actions sufficiently addressed the matter. We sent the PI a letter reminding him of his responsibility to ensure all material in his NSF proposals is properly cited.

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