



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We investigated an allegation that a Co-PI on an NSF award was affiliated with another university and failed to disclose this affiliation to NSF in a proposal. We reviewed records obtained from the awardee university and the Co-PI and interviewed the award's cognizant Program Officer. We found that during the NSF award, the Co-PI took a sabbatical to, and subsequently accepted a position at, the other university. The Co-PI eventually resigned from the awardee university, but maintained an adjunct position; the Co-PI's sabbatical and departure from the awardee university were both disclosed to NSF. However, the awardee university did not follow NSF policy concerning the Co-PI's sabbatical and departure while the Co-PI remained in that role on the award. At the prompting of the cognizant Program Officer, the awardee university requested and received NSF approval for a Co-PI change. We issued a letter to the awardee university regarding compliance with the NSF policy concerning PI/Co-PI's active involvement with a project.

This case is closed with no further action taken