



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-18-0048-O

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A University informed us that it completed an inquiry into possible research misconduct by a recipient of an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (the Subject) and determined an investigation was warranted. We concurred and referred the investigation to the University. The University found that the Subject falsified data on multiple occasions by representing data as taken under different conditions than reported. The Subject was withdrawn from the University without a degree and barred re-entry.

We concurred with the University's findings. We recommended NSF make a finding of research misconduct and debar the Subject for 1 year. We also recommended NSF bar him from serving as an NSF peer reviewer, advisor, or consultant for 4 years, and require the Subject to submit certifications and assurances with each document submitted to NSF for 4 years. NSF concurred with our finding but did not debar the Subject. However, NSF implemented our other recommendations.

This case is **closed** with no further action taken.