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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-18-0050-O

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We investigated an allegation that the PI on an NSF CAREER award left his awardee university, took a position at a university in another country, yet remained PI on the award to the awardee university. We reviewed records obtained from the awardee and the PI and interviewed the PI. We found that during the NSF award, the PI accepted a position at the other university and resigned from the awardee university but maintained an adjunct position. The PI disclosed the departure from the awardee university to the NSF Program Officer and received permission from the NSF Program Officer to remain as PI on the award as an adjunct. However, the PI's departure from the awardee university made the PI ineligible for the award. We recommended suspension and ultimately termination of the award. NSF and the awardee university mutually agreed to terminate the award, resulting in over \$150,000 in unspent award funds put to better use.

This case is closed with no further action taken.