



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-18-0083-O

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We received an allegation that a faculty member at a university, who had received NSF awards in the past but who had no current awards, had a full-time appointment at his university while also holding a full-time appointment at a foreign institution.

We contacted the university and issued a subpoena for records about the faculty member's appointment and salary history, his conflict-of-interest disclosures, and his leaves of absence. The records reflected the faculty member's disclosure of the foreign affiliations (with a foreign university and a foreign university-sponsored research enterprise) to his university and apparent compliance with the university's disclosure requirements, as well as compliance with the university's leave of absence policies, and were consistent with a part-time affiliation with the foreign institution. We found no direct evidence of misconduct and were unable to substantiate the allegation. We did, however, refer the allegation and the information we gathered to the investigative component of another agency with an active award to the faculty member.

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