

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We received a hotline complaint alleging that a PI¹ had abused and mismanaged funds budgeted for travel and salary on NSF awards to a university.² We determined that the allegations were unsubstantiated for three NSF awards; however, our review of a fourth award identified unrelated and unallocable expenditures that were charged to the award.³ We found no evidence that the PI intended to misuse the funds. Rather, we found that the university violated its own policy when it charged some expenditures to the award. The university returned the funds.

Accordingly, this case is *closed*.