



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I15070040

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This case was opened following allegations that a university professor, who served as PI on several NSF and Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) awards, charged personal expenses to awards; obtained duplicate travel reimbursements and duplicate salary payments; held a dual employment with another institution; and did not notify the university or NSF of this dual employment arrangement. We investigated the matter and found approximately \$5,000 in personal expenses charged to NSF awards. We substantiated the allegation that the PI held an undisclosed dual employment with another institution. We determined, however, that the dual employment did not begin until after any relevant proposals were submitted to NSF. Prior to our investigation the university reversed the personal charges made on NSF awards, and during our investigation the university investigated and then fired the PI for failing to disclose the dual employment. We did not substantiate the allegations of duplicate travel reimbursements or salary payments.

The matter was initially accepted for criminal prosecution by the Department of Justice. It was ultimately declined due to the low dollar value of remaining loss to NSF and because most of the relevant conduct occurred outside of the criminal statute of limitations.

This case is closed with no further action taken.