

Closeout of M90070026

This case was brought to the attention of OIG on July 2, 1990 by the Office of Scientific Integrity, NIH. They had received a complaint from [REDACTED] at the Department of [REDACTED] University, [REDACTED]. He claimed that [REDACTED] until recently a colleague and coworker in the same department, had submitted grant applications partially or completely copied from his without his consent. Some of these proposals had been sent to the National Science Foundation.

OSI, acting as lead agency, contacted the institution, which decided to conduct an inquiry. It found that, because of the close collaboration of the complainant and the subject in the past, the proposals involved shared intellectual property. Thus, it did not find misconduct, but it did find that the subject had breached normal research decorum in submitting his proposals without the complainant's consent. The subject received a critical letter from the university administration and was admonished to exercise extreme care in scientific relationships in the future and to seek consultation where necessary with senior academicians.

OIG believes that this is a satisfactory resolution of this case. It should now be closed out, and OSI and the institution should be notified.

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