

Closeout of M-92-120047

On December 11, 1992, OIG received allegations in writing from [REDACTED] (the complainant), [REDACTED] Dept. [REDACTED] University [REDACTED]. Two allegations and two subjects were involved. The first allegation was that [REDACTED] (the first of two subjects), who was a student in [REDACTED] class [REDACTED], submitted a plagiarized paper to [REDACTED]. The second allegation was that University officials, specifically [REDACTED] (the second subject), [REDACTED] whitewashed the investigation of this alleged misconduct.

This case was closed out because we could find no link connecting the allegations of misconduct to any specific NSF award or proposal. Under NSF's definition of misconduct in science and engineering our jurisdiction is limited to misconduct that "has occurred in proposing, carrying out, or reporting results from activities funded by NSF" 45 C.F.R. §689.1(b). Thus, these allegations fall outside the jurisdiction of NSF Misconduct Regulation, 45 C.F.R. Part 689.

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