



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-21-0042-O

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A university notified us that it had conducted an internal investigation regarding overpayment to a student working on an NSF award. The university hired an independent accounting firm which found that a student employee submitted, and was paid based upon, timesheets that overstated the hours actually worked. As a result, the student was overpaid more than \$10,000. The university referred the matter to university police. When questioned, the student admitted to inflating his hours.

We sent an intent letter to the university, which responded with steps the university had taken or would be taking to prevent recurrence of the situation. The university also noted that the principal investigator reviewed all other award expenses and identified no additional concerns. The university also provided documentation showing the fraudulent charges were removed from the award. Finally, the student was suspended for two years and is facing charges by the local District Attorney's Office.

This case is **closed** with no further action taken.