



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-19-0076-O

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We investigated allegations that a former tenured professor at a university, who was the PI on multiple NSF awards, was involved with several international talent programs and submitted fraudulent documentation to the university to obtain over \$36,000 in NSF award reimbursements. The PI ultimately resigned from the university and is currently working at a company overseas. At the time the PI resigned, NSF was not made aware of the resignation, and the PI had one active NSF award. We recommended NSF suspend the active award, and NSF ultimately issued a notice of mutual termination and repayment. The university returned over \$45,000 to NSF. This case was referred for criminal prosecution by investigative partners but was closed with no criminal charges filed. We referred the case for civil prosecution, which was also declined.

This case is closed with no further investigative action taken.