



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-19-0081-O

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We investigated an allegation that a faculty member at an awardee university improperly used expiring NSF award funds, depositing them into a separate account over which he had control and using them to pay a graduate student's rent. We obtained records from the university and interviewed relevant individuals. After completing our investigation, we concluded that the initial allegations could not be substantiated. However, we discovered that a university laboratory was mischarging costs to NSF awards. At our request, the university completed an internal review and agreed to reimburse NSF more than \$204,000. We sent the university a letter advising of its obligation to properly allocate NSF award funds.

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