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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-20-0030-O

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We investigated an allegation that a professor serving as a PI on several NSF awards failed to disclose his foreign appointment in proposals submitted to NSF. Our investigation confirmed that the PI had a position at a foreign university and had disclosed this position to the grantee university. We interviewed the PI and university staff, and reviewed records provided by the PI and the university.

Our investigation determined that the PI and university failed to adequately disclose the PI's active foreign appointments in NSF award proposals in line with the requirements in the NSF Proposal & Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG). We did not find that the PI intended to conceal the appointments. We also did not find that the university personnel who submitted the proposals had access to information or systems that would have given those personnel knowledge of the appointments. Accordingly, we provided the university with a letter detailing the findings of our investigation and advising that it takes steps to better follow the disclosure requirements in the PAPPG.

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