



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-22-0003-O

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We received an allegation of retaliation from a former graduate student (Complainant) who alleged that a university professor improperly used NSF grant funds to pay for graduate students and a lab manager to travel and visit wineries; he also allegedly lied to an Institutional Review Board (IRB) about incidents occurring during an NSF-funded study. The Complainant claimed that she brought up these issues with the professor, only to be retaliated against and have her NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program revoked.

We provided the Complainant with our standard Complaint Form to collect additional information to determine whether our office had jurisdiction to investigate the allegations pursuant to applicable statutes. Our jurisdictional analysis concluded that the Complainant alleged retaliation for statements she made regarding her experience in the professor's lab, which occurred after she had left the lab. The Complainant did not make a protected disclosure and 41 U.S.C. § 4712 does not apply.

Accordingly, our office does not have jurisdiction to proceed with an investigation of the complainant's claim.

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