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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We received an allegation that in eight NSF proposals an applicant (Subject) engaged in research misconduct by falsifying her Biosketches by claiming first authorship or co-first authorship of four papers and claiming two papers were “forthcoming” when they were not. It was also alleged that she uploading to preprint services two papers for which she did not have required permissions of coauthors and then cited those preprints in some of her proposals.

The University found that the Subject committed research misconduct (falsification) related to the NSF proposals, as well as other research misconduct related to proposals to other Federal agencies.

We determined the Subject’s actions were departures, but not significant departures, from accepted practices of her research community; did not affect the research record; and thus did not warrant further investigation. We sent the subject a questionable research practices letter, reminding her to correctly cite the authorship of all papers in the references and biosketch sections of a proposal.

This case is closed with no further action taken.