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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We received an allegation that a PI plagiarized in an NSF Proposal. We referred an investigation to the University.

The University concluded the PI knowingly committed research misconduct by plagiarizing 89 lines from 4 sources. The University required the PI to develop a personal plan for both professional writing and grant writing; to receive counseling on writing processes; to be assigned a mentor for 1 year to improve professional writing and grant writing; to submit, for 3 years, all grant proposals and scholarly writing for a plagiarism check before submission to funding organizations, journals, or professional organizations; and to retake responsible conduct of research training prior to submitting new grant or scholarly writing.

We accepted the University's evidentiary record and concurred with its conclusions. We recommended that NSF make a research misconduct finding, issue a letter of reprimand, require the PI complete interactive responsible conduct of research training, require the PI to certify her compliance with the requirements imposed by the University, and, for 1 year, require the PI submit certifications and assurances, and prohibit her from participating as an NSF peer reviewer, advisor, or consultant.

NSF accepted our recommendations.

This case is closed with no further action taken.