



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-23-0043-O

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We initiated this case after a University provided a research misconduct (RM) inquiry report to our office. The inquiry concluded an investigation was warranted into allegations that a graduate student (Subject) fabricated data presented in two posters acknowledging NSF support. We reviewed the report, concurred with its conclusion, and referred the investigation to the University. The University's Investigation Committee (IC) determined the Subject knowingly committed RM by fabricating results in poster tables. The Subject left both the University and the United States. The IC recommended additional responsible and ethical research training for University researchers, which was supported by the University's research integrity office.

We reviewed the University investigation report and concurred with its conclusions. We determined, based on the totality of the circumstances, that the matter did not warrant additional investigative activity. We sent the Subject a detrimental research practice letter emphasizing that researchers should never fabricate results.

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