

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We received an allegation that a postdoctoral researcher (Subject) plagiarized data and ideas from an NSF Award (Award) in a paper (Paper) that cited support from the Award. The University's inquiry concluded an investigation was warranted. We referred the investigation to the University.

The University investigation committee (Committee) concluded the Subject plagiarized ideas, processes, results, and words in the Paper from the Award. It recommended retraction of the Paper. The University accepted the Committee's finding and recommendation.

We determined that the matter, in part, constituted an authorship dispute and did not warrant further investigative action. We sent the Subject a Detrimental Research Practice Letter reminding him about adequate citation of material and acknowledgement of all authors in his publications.

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