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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We received an inquiry report that alleged a Student fabricated or falsified data in an NSF-funded paper (and four other papers not funded by NSF). We referred the matter to the Student's former University for investigation.

The University concluded that the Student intentionally committed fabrication or falsification in all papers, and the acts were a significant departure from accepted practice of his research community. The University sanctioned the Student and revoked his degree. In addition, the University voluntarily requested the early termination of an NSF award and began a review of its practices for handling research misconduct.

We concurred with the University's determination, concluding that the Student's actions constituted falsification. We recommended that NSF make a research misconduct finding, issue a letter of reprimand, require the Student to complete interactive RCR training, debar him for 3 years, and, for 5 years, require the Student to submit certifications and assurances, submit a mentoring plan, and be prohibited from participating as an NSF peer reviewer, advisor, or consultant.

NSF accepted and implemented our recommendations.

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