



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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As part of a proactive review, we investigated a university over allegations it failed to disclose current and pending support from foreign sources for faculty members who were principal investigators (PIs) or co-PIs in proposals submitted to NSF and another agency. We reviewed foreign contracts, awards, and gifts entered into or accepted by the university on behalf of its PI(s). We found the university was not in compliance with NSF's Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide requirement that PIs and Co-PIs disclose all forms of current and pending sources of funding, both foreign and domestic. Specifically, the university failed to disclose foreign funding on five awards.

We referred the matter to the Department of Justice (DOJ), and a civil case was opened. As a result, the university entered into a False Claims Act settlement agreement with DOJ which provided for return of \$500,000, with approximately \$234,000 being returned to NSF.

This case is **closed**, and no further action will be taken.