



U.S. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
Office of Inspector General

Case Closeout Memorandum

OIG Case Number I-23-0026-O | October 7, 2024

A University notified us that it received an allegation that a former graduate student, who received a Graduate Research Fellowship Program award, plagiarized in her doctoral dissertation. The University conducted an inquiry and determined that an investigation was warranted. We concurred and referred the investigation to the University.

The University found that the graduate student committed research misconduct when she intentionally plagiarized material into her dissertation. The University embargoed her dissertation and revoked her doctoral degree.

We concurred with the University's findings. We determined, based on the totality of circumstances, that the matter did not warrant additional investigation. We issued a Detrimental Research Practice letter to the graduate student.

This case is closed with no further action taken.