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Case Closeout Memorandum

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We received an allegation that a PI and a postdoctoral researcher plagiarized from a paper into two NSF-supported papers. Our review found that the PI and postdoctoral researcher were co-authors on all three papers and thus their reuse of their own text and ideas does not constitute plagiarism as defined by NSF. We found they failed to properly acknowledge an NSF award in two of the papers. We sent warning letters to the PI and postdoctoral researcher urging them to follow proper rules of citation when preparing papers and to follow NSF guidance in citing NSF-supported publications.

This case is closed with no further action taken.