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Case Closeout Memorandum

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A University notified us that it conducted an investigation of an NSF-supported graduate student who allegedly plagiarized text in a draft manuscript intended for publication in a peer-reviewed scientific journal. The University made a finding of research misconduct against the student. The student, together with his advisor, had to correct the manuscript before publishing it. Because the committee found no other instances of plagiarism, it recommended refresher RCR training, but the student had received his Ph.D. and graduated, so it recommended a letter be added to his graduate academic record.

Our independent review of the evidence confirmed copying from at least two sources. Accordingly, we agree with the University's findings of plagiarism and will send a warning letter to the student. This case is closed with no further action taken.