



**U.S. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**  
**Office of Inspector General**

## **Case Closeout Memorandum**

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A university completed an inquiry into allegations of plagiarism against a former graduate student and concluded an investigation was warranted. Specifically, it was alleged that the graduate student used data from an international collaboration without her collaborators' permission in a paper, a poster, and an abstract, which all acknowledged NSF funding. We referred the investigation to the university.

The university found the graduate student committed plagiarism and violated the data-sharing agreements. It noted, however, that in all cases the graduate student acknowledged the international collaboration and the contributions of her former collaborators.

We disagreed that the graduate student committed plagiarism because she acknowledged others' contributions. We concurred that she violated the data-sharing agreements and sent her a warning letter about her actions.

This case is closed with no further action taken.