



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

## **Case Closeout Memorandum**

OIG Case Number I-24-0020-O | September 08, 2025

We investigated an allegation that two university researchers obtained NSF awards based on proposals supported by at least one publication which included fabricated and/or falsified data. Our investigation substantiated the fact that fabricated and/or falsified data was used in the published research paper but determined that NSF did not significantly rely on the questioned publication in its decision to grant the subsequent awards. The Department of Justice ultimately declined to prosecute the case.

**This case is closed with no further action taken.**