

Who are we?

Each federal agency has an independent Office of Inspector General (OIG) charged with conducting objective audits, investigations and inspections and evaluations, as well as preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse. Within NSF's OIG, the Office of Investigations handles allegations of wrongdoing involving organizations or individuals that receive awards from, conduct business with, or work for NSF.

What do we do?

OIG investigators examine allegations in which NSF is the potential victim of fraud by employees, grantees, contractors, or others. We receive allegations from many sources, including proposal reviewers, agency employees, the OIG hotline, other OIG offices and the public. NSF regulations also require that we handle all allegations of research misconduct, in addition to allegations of fraud, waste and abuse. These allegations may lead to civil or criminal investigations.

Where can you get additional information?

Internet

oig.nsf.gov

Telephone

703 292-7100

OIG Anonymous Hotline

1-800-428-2189

Fax

703 292-9158/9159

Write

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Office of Inspector General
4201 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22230

E-mail Hotline

oig@nsf.gov

Report any possible research misconduct, fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement associated with NSF programs and operations to our office.

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Education and Outreach

Do you have questions about your NSF grant or agreement?

Our seminars are designed to provide education to our grantees so they can prevent problems that otherwise might lead to an OIG investigation.

What are our seminars designed to do?

Our on-site seminars are designed to discuss ethical, investigative, and audit issues in a highly interactive environment. Our seminars incorporate results of closed cases and audits to stimulate discussions of difficult choices, the requirements of NSF requirement and the effect on institutional policies.

What can we do for you?

We can help you to:

1. Obtain and maintain current knowledge about issues related to NSF rules and policies,
2. Detect fraud, waste, abuse, and research misconduct,
3. Ensure the integrity of financial, administrative, and research systems;
4. Make it easy for you to contact and interact with us.

What are some possible seminar topics?

We can tailor our seminars to meet your needs. Some examples of topics we have discussed at other seminars include:

- Confidential peer review violations
- Authorship and acknowledgements
- Data selection and sharing
- Collaborations
- federal proposal and award processes
- Principal Investigator's obligations and commitments
- Ethical issues, including:
- Financial and compliance audits
- Research misconduct Cases
- Plagiarism
- Conflict of Interest
- Misrepresentation

- Funds for research already completed
- Fraudulent data
- Misrepresentation of credentials
- Sharing and using ideas
- Peer review associated with NSF

Who presents our seminars?

Our seminars are presented by members of our staff. Our staff members are a highly skilled, trained, and educated group of professionals. We have auditors, Ph.D. scientists, attorneys, and investigators who present useful information based on the historic and current knowledge of our office.

How can you participate in one of our seminars?

You can participate in one of our seminars by either attending a panel or session we present at a national or regional professional meeting, or you can host a seminar. Hosting a seminar is an excellent opportunity to discuss critically important topics with members of our experienced staff. We would be pleased to make a presentation, facilitate a discussion, or serve on a panel to cover topics in which you are interested. We are particularly interested in presenting to multiple grantees or institutions.
