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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A11060043

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Closeout

We received an allegation that a PI¹ was paying her husband² from her NSF grants. We found that she was paying him from four federal grants—two from NSF³—for proofreading articles, not for a meaningful contribution to her research. She also falsely told her university that her NSF program officers gave her permission to hire him for this purpose.

During the investigation, we also discovered that her practices caused several of her students to be paid from grants for work on other grants, resulting in unallowable charges.

As a result of our investigation, the PI's university returned over \$200,000 to NSF and over \$50,000 to the other agency whose grants were mischarged. The university also implemented extensive administrative oversight for the PI for the next three years, as well as general faculty training to help prevent a recurrence of the issues identified in this case.

This case is closed with no further action taken.

