



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A13110091

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NSF OIG received an allegation that a graduate student,¹ who had done work for the co-PI² on an NSF award³ and received support from the award, refused to share a simulation code he developed for the co-PI with the award's PI,⁴ and that the University⁵ failed to provide adequate redress, having concluded that sharing the project's data was no longer required because NSF accepted the project's final report, which included the project data generated without the simulation code.

Our review of the relevant documents indicated that the graduate student and his advisor (the co-PI) provided and/or offered to provide the NSF-funded data to the PI, and that the University tried to ensure materials were shared with the PI. Our review also found that the University concluded the data sharing allegations were a matter of academic disagreement, with the PI unhappy with the quality of the graduate student's data, rather than one warranting a research misconduct investigation.

Based on our independent review, we concurred with the University's conclusions. Accordingly, this case is closed with no further action taken.

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