



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A14110064

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NSF OIG received an allegation of plagiarism in a Proposal.¹ Our review found portions of the Proposal's Broader Impacts, the Postdoctoral Mentoring Plan, the description of the institution's² Facilities, Equipment and Other Resources, and the Data Management Plan identical to material contained in an awarded proposal submitted by the same institution.³ No copied text appeared in any other part of the Proposal.

We contacted the Subject⁴ about the allegation. He and the University's AOR⁵ provided a joint response stating that "The identical or substantially similar text is departmental and institutional boilerplate language/text provided for each of the above cases by members of my institution as a means to describe institutionally shared programs and resources."

Based on the Subject's response, we determined his act did not constitute plagiarism or research misconduct. Accordingly, this case is closed with no further action taken.

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