



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A14110066

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A University¹ investigated an allegation that a post-doctoral scholar (Subject)² falsified NSF-funded³ research data contained in a manuscript submitted to a journal.⁴ The University's review concluded, by a preponderance of evidence, that the Subject knowingly falsified the standard deviations for data reported in an unpublished journal manuscript, that this act was deemed a significant departure from accepted practices of the relevant research community, and took actions to protect the University's interests.

The University reported its findings to our office and provided us with a copy of its Report. We reviewed the Report and concurred with its assessment. We recommended actions to be taken to protect the federal interest. These actions included making a finding of research misconduct against the Subject; sending the Subject a letter of reprimand; debarring the Subject for one year; requiring that the Subject provide certifications and assurances to NSF for four years with any proposal or report he submits to NSF; and requiring that the Subject certify completion of a comprehensive responsible conduct of research training course within one year. The NSF Chief Operating Officer concurred with our recommendations and took the actions we recommended.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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