



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A15050036

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We received an allegation through an NSF program officer (PO) that a university was possibly using grant funds to pay for unrelated expenses<sup>1</sup>. The Principal Investigator (PI) had been on sabbatical and subsequently decided not to return to the university. The PI's graduate student also decided to leave school and not continue his research. It was at this time that the PI became suspicious that the university might be using the grant funds for other purposes although he had no concrete evidence of his suspicions. The NSF PO passed the allegation to us and also expressed concerns that the university and PI had not notified NSF of the PI's absence.

The PO engaged with the university to determine what expenditures were made subsequent to the sabbatical. The university provided evidence that no unrelated expenditures were made and agreed that a replacement PI could not be identified and therefore decided to terminate the award and return the remaining funds.

Based on the above, we determined that no further review was necessary and therefore this case is **closed** with no further action taken.

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