



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-11-08-0035

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We initiated an investigation into an allegation that a PI¹ was receiving duplicate salaries from NSF grants and from a foreign university².

OIG's investigation revealed that the PI, who held a tenured faculty position at an American university³ and has served as PI on three NSF awards⁴ since 2003, simultaneously held a full-time faculty position at an Italian university. During this timeframe, Subject falsely certified that he worked 100% effort on the NSF awards during summer months, and charged salary and foreign travel associated with his trips and time spent working in Italy to the NSF awards. He also failed to disclose to NSF, to the Italian university, and to appropriate officials at the American university that he was dually employed.

The American university conducted an audit of the PI's NSF awards and returned a total of \$330,460.49 to NSF. In addition, NSF debarred the PI for three months – OIG recommended a two-year debarment.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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