



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I14050015

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We received a number of allegations<sup>1</sup> concerning a current National Science Foundation (NSF)<sup>2</sup> Principal Investigator (PI),<sup>3</sup> including: (1) the PI paid NSF stipends to students and forced the students to pay the PI rent; (2) the PI purchased equipment with NSF funds and took the equipment overseas; (3) the PI had another job overseas and took extended leaves of absence; (4) the PI gave cash payments to the PI's Department Chair;<sup>4</sup> and, (5) the PI used false data in published papers. We found no evidence to support allegations (1), (2), (4), and (5). While we did find the PI took a sabbatical without providing required notice to NSF, NSF determined there was still proper oversight over award funds.

This case is closed with no further action taken.

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