



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A03120075

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A proactive review of various conference grants identified two concerns regarding a grant¹ to a mid-eastern university² that required investigation. The first concern involved travel expenses for the plenary session speaker. The funds in the conference grant were awarded as support for scholarships for student participation and for a student consortium that preceded the conference. However, NSF funds were used to pay for the plenary speaker's travel expenses and lodging. The second issue involved the apparent double billing of one student's scholarship to the award.³

In response to our inquiry, the university told us it had mistakenly billed the plenary speaker's expenses to the NSF award rather than an award from another federal agency.⁴ It reversed those charges. It told us that a mistake in check processing had caused the double billing of the student's scholarship to the NSF award. It remitted a check for that amount to NSF.

The university has taken steps to correct the incorrect charges to the NSF award, and there is no need for further review.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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The student