



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-02-11-0029

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The Office of Inspector General (OIG) received information that a PI¹ had mismanaged National Science Foundation (NSF) grant funds. The complainant stated that the PI had paid their spouse² a salary months prior to the spouse working on the grant project. The complainant also claimed that the PI mismanaged animal care funds, did not pay students the salaries the PI had promised them, and had reported preliminary data on an award that was already shown to be wrong.

A review of the detail financial transactions reports and the payroll reports for the PI's awards failed to disclose any indication that the PI's spouse had been paid with NSF grant funds.

An interview of a former co-PI on one of the Subject/PI's NSF awards failed to disclose any specific information of mismanagement of federal grant funds.

The complainant subsequently stated that it was possible that the PI's mismanagement of grant funds and reporting of inaccurate preliminary data may have occurred with funds from a non-NSF award.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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