



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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The National Science Foundation (NSF) Office of Inspector General (OIG) conducted a review of conferences, workshops and symposia with respect to compliance with program income requirement. An award given to a University<sup>1</sup> to have students attend an international conference was selected.

NSF/OIG reviewed the conference website and found that a conference fee was charged to cover meeting costs, food, lodging, transportation from the airport, and two field excursions<sup>2</sup>. The University provide us with financial information and supporting documentation for the award.

The University responded to our request and explained that a third party<sup>3</sup> coordinated the symposium. The University used the funds provided by NSF to pay registration fee to attend the symposium and partially support the travel costs of a few of the participants. The University did not manage the conference therefore; there were no fees collected by the University nor any lodging or catering costs. A small residual amount was used to pay for workshop materials.

There were no lodging or catering costs charged to the grant or program income generated. Accordingly, this case is closed.

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