



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I09120070

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The OIG initiated an investigation based on a complaint that an individual<sup>1</sup> at a research organization<sup>2</sup> fraudulently used NSF award funds<sup>3</sup> to pay travel expenses for overseas personal vacations and for his family's travel, and to reimburse excessive meal costs.

The investigation found no evidence of fraud involving the individual, but did identify potentially unallowable travel expenses (including excessive meal costs) for the individual and others, and other questionable expenses that had been charged to the award. The organization provided documentation to show the majority of expenses questioned by the OIG were legitimate for the award.

The organization acknowledged it charged \$2,792.82 to the NSF award for excessive meal costs during travel, and refunded the \$2,792.82 to NSF. The organization also took corrective action to ensure future award funds will be used appropriately.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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