



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-12-12-0084

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We initiated an investigation into an allegation that a PI¹ improperly charged expenses to two NSF awards².

During the course of the investigation, we reviewed and analyzed grant files, university policies, and accounting documentation. We also interviewed the PI and university officials responsible for the financial administration of these awards. Our investigation discovered evidence that the PI charged the NSF awards over \$22,000 for first editions and other books unrelated to the NSF awards. The PI's university³ agreed to conduct a review of the PI's previous NSF awards for similar charges. The university discovered books had also been improperly charged to a third award.⁴

The university repaid \$28,420.75 to NSF for the improperly charged books and related indirect costs.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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