

Closeout of Case Number M99060032

An NSF program officer¹ brought this matter to our attention on June 16, 1999. The program officer indicated that the subject² of an award funded under NSF's (redacted) Program might not have been eligible under the program guidelines³ as of the date of the program application deadline.⁴

The program guidelines stipulate that "to be eligible . . . applicants MUST MEET ALL" of the requirements including "not hold or have held tenure on or before the program application deadline."

The subject incorrectly answered a question regarding the date he attained tenure on a (redacted) survey instrument, which gave rise to this allegation.⁵ The actual date that the subject was granted tenure⁶ was after the program application deadline for the (redacted) award. The subject was in fact eligible to apply for the (redacted) award when the program application was submitted.⁷

This inquiry is closed and no further action will be taken on this case.

cc: Integrity, IG

¹ The program official is (redacted), formerly with the (redacted) Division in the Directorate for (redacted).

² The subject of this allegation is Professor (redacted). The award, (redacted), titled "(redacted)" was made to (redacted).

³ The program guidelines are the (redacted).

⁴ The program application deadline was (redacted).

⁵ The subject answered a question "(redacted)" regarding the date he obtained tenure, when according to our telephone conversation with him, he actually was appointed as an associate professor in (redacted).

⁶ The subject was granted tenure effective (redacted).

⁷ The program application indicates that it was signed by (redacted) on (redacted) and was received by NSF on (redacted).