

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-16-0085-O

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We opened this case to address a complaint from an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) recipient, against her graduate advisor regarding her GRFP research project. We interviewed the NSF Program Officer and were informed that complaints from GRFP recipients concerning their research advisors must be raised while the fellowship is active. As such was not the case in the instant matter, the Program Officer said there is nothing NSF can do to address her concerns.

It was also alleged that the graduate advisor encouraged the fellowship recipient to lie on annual reports, misused the GRFP funds, and did not give proper authorship acknowledgements to the fellowship recipient. We found no evidence to support these allegations.

Accordingly, this case is *<u>closed</u>*.