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Linda Haster
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 The University of Texas at Austin
 Office of Sponsored Projects
 3925 West Braker Lane
 Austin TX 78759

Reference: OIG Report No. 19-1-012

Dear Ms. Haster:

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has completed the review and resolution of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) audit report on costs incurred under NSF awards by the University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin) during the period of December 1, 2013 through November 30, 2016.

The audit report questioned a total of \$283,613 in costs claimed under NSF awards and recommended that UT Austin strengthen its administrative and management controls for the areas in which findings were identified. Based on UT Austin's agreement with the findings and questioned costs identified in the audit report, NSF's management decision is to disallow all questioned costs in the amount of \$283,613. The table below summarizes the disallowed costs by funding number:

Finding	Description	Questioned	Allowed	Disallowed
1	Unreasonable Transactions	\$63,174	\$0	\$63,174
2	Purchases Near the Award Expiration	\$58,556	\$0	\$58,556
3	Unallocable Costs	\$58,209	\$0	\$58,209
4	Inadequate Documentation	\$42,947	\$0	\$42,947
5	Unallowable Indirect Costs	\$25,767	\$0	\$25,767
6	Unreasonable Travel	\$15,604	\$0	\$15,604
7	Unallowable Moving and Relocation Costs	\$10,505	\$0	\$10,505
8	Unallocable Visa Costs	\$6,947	\$0	\$6,947
9	Unallowable Promotional Items	\$1,139	\$0	\$1,139
10	Underspent Participation Support	\$765	\$0	\$765
	Total	\$283,613	\$0	\$283,613

UT Austin has provided NSF evidence of \$7,053 in repayment. **Repayment of the remaining \$276,560 may be made via www.pay.gov or check payable to the National Science Foundation.** Please reference OIG Audit Report No. 19-1-012. Any necessary adjustments to ACM\$ because of the repayment will be made by the NSF Division of Financial Management.

Check repayments must be addressed as follows:

National Science Foundation
Attention: NSF Cashier
2415 Eisenhower Avenue, C 7000
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Please be aware that UT Austin's right to appeal cost disallowances by NSF is outlined in Chapter XII.B of the NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG), which may be found online at: https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=pappg.

NSF accepts UT Austin's stated corrective actions as responsive to the compliance and internal control recommendations related to the audit findings and considers all audit report findings and questioned costs resolved. Upon verification that repayment of all disallowed costs has been completed, the audit report will be fully closed out by NSF.

UT Austin's timely responses and full cooperation with the NSF audit resolution process have been greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions regarding this letter or the NSF audit resolution process, please contact me at 703-292-4579.

Sincerely,

Carrie Davison

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