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Plagiarism in a Grant Proposal

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Description

A scenario about a researcher who figures out that a different research group in her lab plagiarized her work for a now approved grant proposal.

Body

You are making steady progress on the research for the doctorate working in Large Lab and have written a report for Large Lab on some of that experimental work. Another group in Large Lab has been desperate for grant support to allow another student to finish up a master's degree. After one of their proposals is funded, you note that what they proposed to do is exactly what you already did and described in your report for Large Lab.

- What can or should you do?
- What is the relative seriousness of plagiarism in a proposal and plagiarism in a publication?
- How, if at all, might some of the damage be remedied?

Notes

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