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Prior to his appointment at NSF, Dr. Olds spent 16 years as Chief Academic Unit Officer and Director of George Mason's Krasnow Institute for Advanced Study. Dr. Olds has served on numerous private and public boards and has played a central role in scientific public policy development at all levels, ranging from the White House to advising heads of ministries internationally. He spent eight years as chair of Sandia National Laboratory's External Cognitive Science Board. In the non-profit world, Dr. Olds was treasurer of Americans for Medical Progress. He has also served as a Virginia State Commissioner, appointed by Virginia Governors of both political parties.

Prior to taking the leadership role at Krasnow, Dr. Olds led one of the oldest and most prestigious scientific societies, The American Association of Anatomists as CEO. Olds received his undergraduate degree in chemistry from Amherst College and his doctorate in neuroscience from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. His postdoctoral research at the National Institutes of Health led to fundamental advances in understanding the molecular basis of learning and memory, for which he was awarded the NIH Merit Award in 1993.