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Dr. Rebecca Spyke Keiser is the Acting Chief of Staff and Chief of Research Security Strategy and Policy (CRSSP) at the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Keiser took on the duties of Chief of Staff in May 2025, joining NSF's top leadership team to guide the agency's focus on science and innovation in areas such as quantum research, AI, and biotechnology. Keiser is also the first CRSSP, a position established in March 2020 to ensure the security of federally funded research while maintaining open international collaboration. In this role, Keiser leads NSF's efforts on all aspects of research security strategy.

Until March 2020, Keiser was the head of the Office of International Science & Engineering (OISE) at NSF. Keiser had served as head of OISE since coming to NSF in 2015.

Prior to coming to NSF, Keiser was Associate Deputy Administrator for Policy and Strategy at NASA, leading NASA's efforts to develop a commercial space flight market and focus on expanding the space economy.

Keiser holds a Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina in International Studies, a Master of Science in Politics of the World Economy from the London School of Economics, and a Bachelor of Arts in Japanese Studies from Wellesley College. She is fluent in Japanese.