

DR. ELI D. MERCER

Dr. Eli Mercer is an entrepreneur, educator, and faith-driven leader with 30+ years of experience helping people turn their gifts, ideas, and calling into meaningful impact locally and globally.

Location:

North Richland Hills, Texas

Mentoring Strengths:

- Leadership for Team Driven Success
- Faith and Spiritual Growth
- Professional Development

What do you hope to contribute as a mentor?

I hope to help graduate students navigate life, leadership, and career decisions with greater clarity and confidence while discovering how their God-given gifts and experiences can be used to make a meaningful impact.

What special experiences do you have to contribute?

I bring 30+ years of experience across entrepreneurship, higher education, corporate leadership, and nonprofit work, with much of my life and career spent working internationally. Having lived and worked in 17 countries, I bring a global perspective and a deep passion for global development, along with experience in leadership, entrepreneurship, innovation, career transitions, and integrating faith and calling into work.

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PROFESSIONAL BIO

Dr. Eli D. Mercer is an entrepreneur, educator, and nonprofit leader with more than 30 years of experience helping people, organizations, and ideas grow. His career has spanned entrepreneurship, corporate leadership, higher education, technology commercialization, and nonprofit leadership in the U.S. and internationally.

Eli spent 17 years in higher education, serving in roles including Clinical Professor of Entrepreneurship and Marketing at the University of Texas at Austin, founding General Manager of the Center for Global Entrepreneurship at Thunderbird, and Dean of Technology, Health, and Business at Tarrant County College. He has also founded and scaled businesses, worked in corporate venturing and market development, and advised leaders and organizations across a variety of sectors.

Today, Eli serves as CEO of Grad Resources, where his work centers on helping graduate students flourish personally, professionally, relationally, and spiritually. His own journey has increasingly focused on the intersection of leadership, calling, faith, and human flourishing, and he is passionate about helping others recognize their God-given gifts and translate their ideas, education, and experiences into meaningful impact.

UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED

Kansas State University
Ed.D. in Leadership & Adult Education

University of Texas at Austin
M.S.T.C. Master of Science in Technology Commercilization

Thunderbird School of Global Management
M.B.A. in International Management

University of Texas at Arlington
B.A. Interdisciplinary Studies

CURRENT OCCUPATION

CEO
Grad Resources