

DR. ELI D. MERCER

Ed.D.

Eli Mercer is an entrepreneur, educator, and nonprofit leader who is known for his work developing entrepreneurial ecosystems, advancing innovation and leadership, and fostering human flourishing through faith-driven community engagement.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Kingdom Ecosystems, Redemptive Frameworks, Global Start-up & Expansion, Science and Technology Commercilization, Entrepreneurship, Growth Strategy

HOBBIES

Writing, playing, and listening to music
All things outdoors

FUN FACT

I have lived and worked in 17 different countries

LIFE VERSE

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." ***Jeremiah 17:7-8***

AVAILABILITY

- In-Person : Based in Fort Worth, TX
- Virtual Nationwide
- Travel Available Nationwide

PROFESSIONAL BIO

Dr. Eli D. Mercer serves as CEO of Grad Resources, a faith-based organization supporting the personal, emotional, and spiritual well-being of Graduate Students across the United States. With more than 30 years of experience spanning entrepreneurship, higher education, innovation, and nonprofit leadership, Eli has helped launch and grow ventures, educational initiatives, and ecosystem-building organizations both nationally and internationally.

Throughout his career, Eli has served in leadership roles across the startup, academic, and corporate sectors, including work in entrepreneurial education, technology commercialization, and regional economic development. His research and professional work focus on leadership, innovation ecosystems, and human flourishing, with a growing emphasis on integrating faith, community engagement, and long-term societal 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

SOME SPEAKING TOPICS

- *Kingdom Ecosystems: Unleashing the Latent Potential of the Body of Christ*
- *From Vision to Impact: Bringing Big Ideas to Life*
- *Faith, Innovation, and Human Flourishing*
- *Redemptive Leadership in a Complex World*
- *Called to Create: Entrepreneurship as Kingdom Stewardship*