



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.

HOBBIES

Music, All things Nature,
Playing and Watching Sports

FAMILY

Wife Hannah
Child Samantha

HOME CHURCH

Cross Creek
Colleyville TX

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

POSITION

Ex Officio Voting Member
CEO

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 Commercialization

Thunderbird School of Global Management

M.B.A. in International Management

University of Texas at Arlington

B.A. Interdisciplinary Studies

AREA OF EXPERTISE

Entrepreneurial Expertise, Executive Leadership and Management, Graduate Experience, Serving in Academia