



## Dr. Eric Y. Tao

Dr. Eric Tao currently serves as a full professor of innovation and computer science at the California State University Monterey Bay. Between 2000 and 2015, he founded and directed several organizations at the university, including the Institute for Innovation and Economic Development (iiED) and the School of Computing and Design (SCD), Computer Science Online program.

Dr. Eric Y. Tao also served as the 5th president of Mt Sierra College (May, 2016-May, 2018). He brought innovative curriculum, external financial support, international recruitment, systematic accountability, participative governance and service oriented leadership to the campus. He is also serving as the chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Phillips Graduate Univesity (PGU.edu)

Dr. Tao is a well-known innovator, professor, and academic leader. The School he founded and directed for 15 years at CSUMB provides various degree programs, research and development projects in Computer Science, Communication Design, Information Technology, and Learning Science fields. In 2014, the school launched an innovative, fully online bachelor's degree program in Computer Science, the largest such program among all California public universities. During his leadership, the school has grown from one program, two hundred students to five degree programs and over two thousand students. In 2015, California governor Jerry Brown recognized the school is one of the most innovative academic units in the state. iiED offers StartupWeekend, StartupChallenges, visiting scholars, international executive development, youth summer camp, and more, to support global innovation and economic development. Between 2013 and 2017, StartupChallenges attracted over 400 startup companies from all over the world to compete for seed level investment.

Dr. Tao received his doctorate degree in Computer Engineering from University of California Irvine while receiving full scholarship. His expertise is in innovation, information system, higher education management, and globalization. He has published over 30 papers in medical information systems, e-learning systems, and innovation processes. He has served on the boards of, WASC-Western Association of Colleges and Schools, Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, Leadership Monterey Peninsula, California Institute for Global Education, Zeuss Group Inc. among others. He often speaks at international conferences and universities on global innovation and education. He travels abroad frequently and provides speeches and workshops worldwide. In addition to education, innovation and entrepreneurship, Dr. Tao has deep interests in classical music, travel, cycling, seafood, and tennis.

Additional information resources:

- Founder of School of Computing and Design at California State University Monterey Bay <https://csumb.edu/scd/message-school-founding-director-dr-eric-tao>
- Biography <http://erictao.weebly.com/bio.html>
- Full Professor at CSUMB <https://csumb.edu/directory/people/eric-tao>