

Dr. Ronald Aqua became the President and CEO of the Texas International Education Consortium on September 1, 2007, having previously served as Vice President of TIEC since 2000.

Before moving to Texas, Dr. Aqua directed the Center for International Security and Strategic Studies at Mississippi State University, where he developed a wide-ranging program of international policy studies, public service activities, and community outreach. Dr. Aqua previously served as program director of the New York-based United States-Japan Foundation for 14 years, where he managed grantmaking activities in such fields as multilateral trade and diplomacy, national security, regional planning and community development, public broadcasting, and education. Prior to joining the Foundation, Dr. Aqua directed Japanese and Korean studies programs at the Social Science Research Council, also in New York, where he established a strong network of cooperative relationships with public and private organizations in East Asia.

Dr. Aqua has served on numerous boards and advisory panels dealing with international education and public affairs. He received his B.A. degree from Hamilton College, and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Cornell University. Between his undergraduate and graduate studies, he served as a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer in South Korea.