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Dr. Harris is the President and CEO of Science Foundation Arizona. He served as founding Director General of Science Foundation Ireland; designed and led several industry/university R&D collaborative programs for the National Science Foundation (NSF); served as the NSF's Director of Mathematical and Physical Sciences; served as President of Biosphere 2 for Columbia University and Assistant Director of the Columbia Earth Institute; and was V-P of Research and Professor of Chemistry at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Harris is an elected member of the Royal Irish Academy.

Although Dr. Harris has attracted recent attention as co-author of the just-released "Adrift, *Charting our Course Back to a Great Nation*" (Prometheus Books), he is also known by some colleagues as "Lab Rat," a moniker bestowed upon him by F-16 pilots of the 61st Fighter Squadron -- "Top Dogs" -- at Luke Air Force Base after flying in the backseat of an F-16. "Lab Rat" served as their Honorary Commander through his involvement with Fighter Country Partnership.