

Dennis Lee Foster: Biographical Data

Dennis Lee Foster is a computer scientist, consultant, author, artist, explorer, and educator, known for his groundbreaking work in the development of artificial intelligence (AI) in the fields of educational technology, medical diagnosis, and robotics. He is also an authority on franchising, with 40 years experience in developing and deploying franchise systems in diverse industries, from technology and health care to hotels and restaurants.

Actively involved in AI research, software development, and implementation for 40 years, he is the author of over 60 published books on a wide range of subjects, including AI, computer programming, technology, business management, finance, health care, sociology, education, behavior science, and marketing.

Foster created the software for the first automated medical diagnostic laboratory, in 1973. The massive deployment and spread of his authored autotutorial learning systems via more than 18,000 universities, colleges, and technical schools since the early 1980s was the first global implementation of AI in education and a milestone in the real-world application of behavioral science learning technology.

He is the author of two best selling nonfiction books and seven featured book club selections devoted to innovation in technology. His books about AI and computer applications have been translated into seven languages, and his research has been cited by the United Nations.

He currently serves as CEO of **Mundus Education Corporation and Franchise Associates International**. He is also the volunteer Director of **The Life Science Institute**, a global resource and think tank for scientific, socioeconomic, and environmental issues affecting the sustainability and quality of present and future civilizations. He authors *The AI Insider* blog covering the influence of artificial intelligence on society, business, and work, and *The Franchise Insider* offering rare and valuable insights into the sociological, psychological, and legal aspects of franchising.