

Dr. Peter H. Diamandis – Biography



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Dr. Peter H. Diamandis is a pioneer and leader in the commercial space arena having created many of the leading entrepreneurial space companies opening the personal spaceflight industry.

Dr. Diamandis is the Chairman and CEO of the X PRIZE Foundation (www.xprize.org), which awarded the \$10,000,000 Ansari X PRIZE (www.xprize.org) for private spaceflight and is now implementing prizes in a variety of different arenas. Diamandis also serves as the CEO of Zero Gravity Corporation (www.gozerog.com) a commercial space company developing private, FAA-certified parabolic flight utilize Boeing 727-200 aircraft. He is the Chairman & Co-Founder of the Rocket Racing League (www.rocketracingleague.com).

Diamandis is a co-founder of Space Adventures Ltd (www.spaceadventures.com), the company which brokered the flight of four private citizens to the International Space Station. In 1987, Diamandis co-Founded the International Space University (ISU) (www.isunet.edu) where he served as the University's first managing director. Today he serves as a Trustee of the \$30M ISU that is based in Strasbourg, France. Prior to ISU, Diamandis served as Chairman of Students for the Exploration and Development of Space (SEDS) an organization he founded at MIT in 1980. SEDS is the world's largest student pro space organization.

Dr. Diamandis attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where he received his undergraduate degree in molecular genetics and graduate degree in aerospace engineering. After MIT he attended Harvard Medical School where he received his M.D. In 2005 he has also been awarded an honorary Doctorate from the International Space University.

He is the winner of the 2006 (inaugural) Heinlein Award, the 2006 Lindbergh Award, the 2006 Wired RAVE Award, the Konstantine Tsiolkovsky Award, twice the winner of the Aviation & Space Technology Laurel, and the 2003 World Technology Award for Space.

In 8th grade, while living in New York, Dr. Diamandis won first place in the Estes rocket design contest.

Diamandis' mission is to open the space frontier for humanity. His personal motto is: "The best way to predict the future is to create it yourself!"