

CoMotion at the University of Washington is the collaborative innovation hub dedicated to expanding the economic and societal impact of the UW community and beyond.



REMEMBERING VIKRAM JANDHYALA

As we mourn the loss of Vikram Jandhyala, we want to share some of the many wonderful tributes that have been written. We thank you for your kindness and support, and for sharing your stories and your remembrances of Vikram. The University is also working closely with Vikram's family to make plans for a public celebration of Vikram's life and achievements. We will share that information once details have been confirmed.

We also want to assure our CoMotion community that we are here to serve you. During this time of transition, CoMotion leaders Fiona Wills and Lara Littlefield will be working as a team directly with University of Washington President Ana Mari Cauce and UW Provost Mark Richards to provide leadership continuity to the office and strong innovation expertise to the UW community and beyond.

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IP ADVISING, PROTECTION & LICENSING



What is intellectual property? What are the different types of trademarks?

Do you have questions about technology transfer? Visit our FAQs page for answers to questions about IP, licensing models, material transfer agreements and more.

[Find answers to some frequently asked questions we get at CoMotion](#)

UW Nonprofit Startup Making Water Safer

CoMotion Innovation Fund Gap winner and recent Commercialization Fellow Katya Cherukumilli, PhD has developed a process to purify water with dangerous levels of fluoride. [Learn more about the social impact Katya and Global Water Labs is having](#)



INNOVATION TRAINING

"How Leaders Build Diverse Teams"

Aiko Bethea leads Diversity & Inclusion at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Institute. She recently shared her knowledge about how to take that one magical step towards building a diverse team. [View the archived stream of this Fundamentals for Startups Friday talk](#)



FUNDING & PARTNERSHIPS



Amazon Catalyst applications now open!

Amazon Catalyst, a funding program for big ideas with social impact, returns with a focus on specific themes: urban transportation and computational social sciences. Deadline is May 31, 2019.

[Click to learn more about the themes and how to apply for an Amazon Catalyst grant](#)



Husky Giving Day: April 4, 2019

Help University of Washington innovators achieve the greatest impact from their ideas and discoveries by supporting the CoMotion Innovation Gap Fund. The UW benefits tremendously from federal research funding, and the goal of the CoMotion Innovation Gap Fund is to support university researchers in bringing their ideas to market or out to the community. [Visit our Husky Giving Day page and donate on April 4th!](#)



STARTUPS & INCUBATION

"Startup Leadership"

CoMotion Innovation Training workshop facilitator Ken Myer provides insights on what it means to lead a startup. Myer has had over 25 years of successful experience in the technology industry leading companies of all sizes and is a Lecturer at UW Foster School of Business.

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NEWS



CoMotion-supported startups make headlines

- Amazon Catalyst Fellow and semi-retired UW professor **Stuart Strand** developed a GMO houseplant that acts as an air purifier. [Read more on The Seattle Times](#)
- UW spinout **TransformativeMed** ties for gold in the 2019 Leaders in Health Care, Achievement in Digital Health. [Read more on Seattle Business Magazine](#)
- UW spinout **CTFusion** was awarded a \$3 million grant by the U.S. Department of Energy's Advanced Research Projects Agency in Energy to help it develop the world's first commercial nuclear fusion reactor. [Read more on Forbes](#)
- Numerous **UW startups** listed in Built in Seattle's "50 Startups to Watch" in 2019. [Read more on Built in Seattle](#)

EVENTS

Nearly all CoMotion events are free and open to everyone. Feel inspired to pursue a great idea? Want to meet other entrepreneurs? Join us!



4/5

THE POWER OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Industrial IoT Co-Founder and CEO Rich Rogers will present easy-to-follow tips & tricks for attracting customers, employees and building your online brand using the power of social media.



4/12

MARKET FIT FAST

Patrick Hogan, Managing Director of Gateway Adopters, provides insights on The Market Fit Fast methodology that speeds up the go-to-market process by aligning product development with customer values.



4/19

STARTUP VALUATION

Yi-Jian Ngo, Managing Director of Alliance of Angels, walks through three specific methods that entrepreneurs can use to guide their valuation negotiations.



4/26

ENTREPRENEURIAL GRIT

Hien DeYoung, Principal of DeYoung Executive Coaching & Consultancy, shares tips on how to climb uphill when the winds are blowing downhill.

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MEET A COMOTION TEAM MEMBER

TEAM MEMBER PATRICK CHINKIWSKY

Patrick is a key member of the Patent Portfolio Management group. He has experience drafting and prosecuting patent applications across a range of engineering innovations and managing outside counsel on patent prosecution of a variety of UW innovations. He earned his B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering at Queen's University before going on to multiple positions with John Deere Limited in Canada and the U.S. While at John Deere, Patrick developed an innovation while working on a product program and was granted a patent in a handful of jurisdictions. After moving to the Seattle area, Patrick earned a law degree from Seattle University School of Law in 2016. Patrick shares: "I am continually energized by the work I do at CoMotion. The CoMotion team, the impact we strive for, and the University's promising innovations provide strong motivation for me day to day."



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Our CoMotion team guides UW innovators along the journey from idea to impact

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