HAPPY HOLIDAYS
From all of us at CoMotion, we wish you a joyful season and a year of good cheer!

IP ADVISING, PROTECTION & LICENSING

CoMotion Connect 2019 Highlights

CoMotion Connect, held at the newly opened Burke Museum on Wednesday, November 20, gave members of the Washington faculty and researchers the opportunity to learn more about how we partner to help move their innovations from idea to impact. Read highlights about CoMotion Connect 2019 here.

INNOVATION TRAINING

Join our next training opportunity: “Five ways to attract early adopters”

Learn the key concepts to successfully push your project forward, and position it to attract early adopters to your innovation in the third of our commercialization training workshops. Offered to University of Washington faculty, researchers, postdocs, and students. RSVP for this training to be held on January 29, 2020, Picke Hall, 3rd Floor, 10:00am - 12:00pm.

“A Close-up View of Venture Capital in the PNW and the U.S.”

Our November 1st “Fundamentals for Startups” featured Cyntia Xu, Senior Business Development Executive, Helix Book Arts who provided an overview of the current state of venture capital in the U.S., then focused on the Pacific Northwest to help understand where Seattle sits among the past few years of recent investment activity. View the video here. Check out our event calendar for upcoming “Fundamentals for Startups”.

FUNDING & PARTNERSHIPS

Fall 2019 Innovation Gap Fund winners

From a cost-saving cooler that reduces water use to a life-saving elliptical turn, University of Washington innovations continue their commercialization journey with support of the Innovation Gap Fund. Learn more about the winners of the Fall 2019 Innovation Gap Fund.

STARTUPS & INCUBATION

Funding and a win for CoMotion Labs member Xenestis

CoMotion Labs startup Xenestis shared news recently about their winning over $700K of new seed funding and winning the Seattle Angel’s Startup Competition. See more on the Xenestis website.

NEWS

UW spinoffs and CoMotion-supported startups make headlines

- A research team headed by investigator and administrative professor Brian Stadler received a $1.2 million National Science Foundation grant to advance autonomy through Warner research.
- Greatbatch announced gaining of high platform range Pt/20050002.

Read more on the UW Ventures and Innovation website.
Read more on the Greatbatch website.
EVENTS

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: INDUSTRY LEARNINGS FROM CHINA & U.S.

This talk, by Tai Yazawa, Vice President, Innovation, Intel AI, will provide an overview of the fast moving world of AI & Machine Learning. Chinese companies are ahead in facial recognition and natural language processing, while American companies dominate big data, computer vision and platform building.

Location: 4th floor, room 3, Rule Hall/ideaLab, 2nd floor.

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WHAT FOUNDERS & EARLY STAGE COMPANIES NEED TO KNOW ABOUT U.S. IMMIGRATION

Over 90% of STEM workers in the core working age group aged 25-44 in Silicon Valley are foreign born. If you are building a technology company and don't want to pass up access to this pool of talent, don't miss this talk with Ting Li, Co-Founder & Principal at Immigrants, to learn more about U.S. immigration basics.

Location: 5th floor, room 2, Rule Hall/ideaLab, 2nd floor.

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BUILDING YOUR CULTURE AS YOU SCALE YOUR BUSINESS

No matter how early you are in your business, you need to start thinking about your company’s culture right now. Join Laffy Williams, Founder of Culture Work, who will share tips on how to build a strong culture, communicate, collaborate, and stay connected.

Location: 1st floor, room 2, Rule Hall/ideaLab, 2nd floor.

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HOW TO BUILD A DEEP TECH ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE COMPANY AS A TECH FOUNDER

Toni Chen, CPO of Engineering at Deliverr, will discuss how to build a data-driven, fast moving business that feels like a startup even in an industry with a different set of rules. We’ll cover the building blocks and how to navigate the legal and culture of a global, successful, and startup.

Location: 5th floor, room 2, Rule Hall/ideaLab, 2nd floor.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE

Undergraduate and graduate students with science or technology-based ideas that have commercial potential are encouraged to apply to the Science and Technology Showcase (STx), presented by UW Science & Engineering Business Association and the Bank Center.

The deadline is Friday, January 20.

Learn more at cheryl/loaves/6nBays2020

WE-REACH BIOMEDICAL INNOVATION BOOTCAMP

Learn the steps to move from idea to launch and meet the mentors who can guide you along the way. Awarded by a coalition of seven partners, the Boston area, this one-year program focuses on biotechnology and is coordinated with the Bank Center for Entrepreneurship, Colonization, and the Institute of International Health Sciences.

The program is designed for academic innovators, whether they be students or entrepreneurs. The program will provide support and advice on how to bring their concepts to market, and the team will help you grow a startup.

*Deadline to apply is Tuesday, January 7, 2020

APPLY NOW

MEET A MENTORSHIP

MIKE ROBINSON

Mike Robinson is an experienced executive in the world of technology startups, with executive experience in new product development and introduction, distribution channels, M&A, venture funding, and intellectual property. Mike has bootstrapped and has over two different startup companies from the very beginning through IPO, one of which was acquired by Cisco Systems and one that was back in the Shark Tank.

As an entrepreneur in residence of the University of Washington, Mike has had five startup companies in the past two years. Two have achieved venture funding and two have achieved grant funding.

Mike's business management experience includes the creation and management of multi-million dollar partnerships with large global companies. A prolific technologist, he is also the inventor of multiple U.S. patents and has led the development of a number of award winning products that have sold in over 128 countries in global revenue. Mike’s specific technical expertise includes digital media, IoT, TIV, online education, and e-commerce spaces. Find Mike on LinkedIn.