SPECIAL FEATURE

François Baneyx named UW Vice Provost for Innovation at inaugural meeting of UW Innovation Roundtable

As Vice Provost for Innovation, Baneyx drives the long-term strategy and vision for campus innovation initiatives. He also chairs the newly formed UW Innovation Roundtable to optimize technology transfer effectiveness, create a vibrant startup innovation ecosystem, and identify opportunities for public-private partnerships to advance socio-economic and societal impact. Learn more on the UW News website.

IP ADVISING, PROTECTION & LICENSING

Copyright and Trademark FAQs

What rights do copyrights protect? What is “fair use”? What is trademark, how do I choose one, and how much does it cost? Learn the answers to these questions and more on our Copyright FAQs and Trademark FAQs website pages.

INNOVATION TRAINING

iCorps program receives continued funding

The National Science Foundation’s Innovation Corps (iCorps) program is a federally funded program to accelerate academic research projects that are ready to move toward commercialization. The next cohort applications open May 9, 2020. Learn more about iCorps and how to apply.

“What Founders & Early Stage Companies Need to Know about U.S. Immigration”

Ting Nia, a San Francisco-based corporate immigration attorney and co-founder of Minn pari, shared immigration tips for founders including budgeting and trends in the Trump era. View the video here. Check out our events calendar for upcoming “Fundamentals for Startups.”

Our next training, open to UW faculty, grad students, and staff, is called “License & Takeoff!”

April 2, 2020, Drake Hall, 3:30pm - 4:30pm

RSVP FOR LICENSE & TAKEOFF

FUNDING & PARTNERSHIPS

New tracks added to the Innovation Gap Fund

The Combined Innovation Gap Fund, a partnership between CoMotion and the Washington Research Foundation, provides over $1.1 million per year of up to $500,000 grants to UW project teams that have a high chance of having an impact but are unlikely to get through without gap funding. The spring 2020 pitch/acceleration funding tracks focused on three areas: fintech, mobility and robotics, with an additional opportunity for matching funds through the Marcus Trust Foundation. Deadlines for these tracks are July 15, 2020 and December 15, 2020, respectively. Learn more about how to apply.

BECU FinTech Incubator competition

BECU partnered last year with CoMotion to launch the BECU FinTech incubator at CoMotion Labs. For the second time since the launch of the partnership, a competition will be held to identify three teams with promising ideas. Learn more about how to apply.
STARTUPS & INCUBATION

Meet CaliMotion Labs member New Homes House

CaliMotion Labs, the Kraken’s incubator for new ventures, is focused on supporting and fostering the growth of innovative companies. New Homes House is a featured member of this incubator. Learn about their cutting-edge tech, which aims to simplify and streamline the home building process, providing greater transparency and peace of mind for homeowners during the build. Read more about New Homes House.

NEWS

UN spinoffs and CaliMotion-supported startups make headlines

- Twidiard raises $1.6M from Vardon and others for next-gen DNA sequencing. Read more on the Daily
- PhaseGenetics wins $1M for brainstem gesture-based head tracking. Read more on TechCrunch
- Urban Armor Gear is expanding its product line to include wearables. Read more on the UN Daily
- Samsung Demonstrates 5G in an event with ComCar LLC announcing global strategic alliance to advance 5G mobile devices. Read more on BusinessWire

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EVENTS

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

2/4 MODERN MENTORSHIP AND THE ART OF STORYTELLING

Join Sarah Noggle, Tribute Founder and CEO, to learn how to use your personal stories and experiences to mentor others. In this session, you will learn how storytelling is a power tool for effective mentoring and how to best tell your story and how to set the stage for meaningful conversations in your mentoring relationship. Fundamentals for Startups, noon at Moe Hall Lab, 3rd floor.

2/4 BUILDING A COMPELLING INVESTOR PITCH

In this talk, Skott Haasdam will outline how to go about building a compelling investor pitch that significantly improves your chances of raising money. He will discuss how to get past investors’ initial hesitation and learn how to structure your pitch for maximum impact. Fundamentals for Startups, noon at Moe Hall Lab, 3rd floor.

2/21 SIX STEPS TO SUCCESSFUL ONE-ON-ONE SALES MEETINGS

Steve Garabedian, with 20 years of marketing and business development experience, discusses best practices of one-on-one sales meetings that improve performance and create a predictable business. He will discuss how to help you leverage your sales team to optimize your business-to-business sales. Fundamentals for Startups, noon at Moe Hall Lab, 3rd floor.

2/28 TOP TEN WAYS TO SCREW UP YOUR STARTUP

Andy Albertson, former partner at Kiva and LinkedIn, shares the many ways that founders can screw up their startups. He will discuss the Top Ten Ways to Screw Up Your Startup, so you can avoid these problems. Fundamentals for Startups, noon at Moe Hall Lab, 3rd floor.

Student Innovation Challenges

Submit your application for the Innovation Challenge by Monday, February 13, and the Student Experience Initiative Challenge by Wednesday, February 18. Competition finals are Thursday, March 9, with the top 3 and Thursday, April 2 for the UC. Learn more and apply

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MEET A CONDITION TEAM MEMBER

DENNIS MASON

Dennis Manson is an Associate Director of Innovation Development at CaliMotion, specializing in life sciences innovation. He earned a bachelor’s degree in molecular biology from the University of Washington, and an MBA from the University of Washington. He has worked in the healthcare industry for over 20 years, and currently serves as the Director of the University of Washington’s Innovation & Entrepreneurship Office. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Seattle-based biotechnology company, ZymoGenetics. Dennis is also a founding member of the Seattle-based biotechnology company, ZymoGenetics. He has a PhD from the University of Washington in Molecular and Cell Biology, and MFA from the University of Washington in Creative Writing. One of his favorite things to do is to meet new people and to hear about the exciting research and innovations that are happening in the lab. Dennis says, feel free to find Dennis on LinkedIn.