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

### COMOTION DIRECTOR’S AWARD

CoMotion announces new award for UW innovations that address a pressing societal need

This inaugural award goes to team of UW researchers assessing the persistence of potentially infectious aerosols in medical facilities

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### Funding & Partnerships

#### Ten UW startups pitch to potential investors

Companies from the life sciences, hardware, clean energy, and IT & software sectors presented a range of innovations addressing a variety of challenges to over 60 local investors at the eighth CoMotion DuMPitch.

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#### Spring 2020 Innovation Gap Fund winners

A social robot that improves teen mental health, a bilingual pesticide safety app, a technology that uses only air as a propellant to sustain an atmospheric satellite—these are just a few of this spring's Innovation Gap Fund winners.

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#### NSF Extends PFI Deadline to August 5

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the National Science Foundation (NSF) has extended the proposal submission deadline for the Partnerships for Innovation (PFI) solicitation (NSF 19-506) to August 5, 2020.

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### IP Advising, Protection & Licensing

**WHAT IS “PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF AN INVENTION”?”**

This short excerpt video explains an often asked question related to patents in less than two minutes. It features CoMotion Patent Portfolio Manager Patrick Chmielewski and is from our Fundamentals of Tech Commercialization training series.

[WATCH THE VIDEO]

### Innovation Training

**TAKING YOUR RESEARCH TO MARKET IMPACT**

UW CoMotion and the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs presented this training for postdocs and faculty in an effort to help researchers commercialize their inventions.

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INNOVATIVENESS – FLOURISHING OR WITHERING?

This Fundamentals for Startups held May 1, 2020 via Zoom featured Kristiina Hukkan who shared how the 6C model can help you never lose sight of what is at the heart of thriving innovation, crucial for your business’s growth.

Startups & Incubation

A-Alpha Bio wins $620,000 grant to work on ‘molecular glue’

This National Science Foundation grant was awarded to UW spinoff A-Alpha Bio to develop a system that gets rid of disease-causing proteins.

VR Ulysses launches free trial of their VR data explorer

Download the beta version to view UW spinoff VR Ulysses’ demos, or upload your own data, or explore COVID-19 data from John Hopkins or the COVID Tracking Project.

Lyssn launches AI-powered telehealth platform

This UW spinoff’s platform analyzes therapist-patient conversations transcribed into text using AI and machine learning.

HEADLIGHT ANNOUNCES $25M INVESTMENT ROUND

UW spinoff HeadLight, a construction technology startup previously known as Pavia Systems, announced a $25 million investment round from Viking Global Investors. The company makes photo-based inspection software.

UW spinoffs and CoMotion-supported startups make headlines

- BlueDot Photonics among solar researchers across county joining forces with industry to boost U.S. solar manufacturing, and were selected for the Shell GameChanger Accelerator™ Powered by NREL.
- UW Mechanical Engineering professor Nathan Sniadecki leads the research team behind heart tissue chips for the Tissue Chips in Space program, a joint effort of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), NASA and the International Space Station (ISS).
- Fast-moving UW spinoff Pheo Genomics “turns to R&D to navigate the pandemic.”
Events from our partners

COVID-19 RECOVERY AND RECONSTRUCTION WORKSHOP
Reaching and Engaging Your Audience (or Your Customers) Using Technology While Keeping Social Distancing - Wednesday, June 24

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Meet a CoMotion Team Member

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- IP Advisory, Protection & Licensing
- Innovation, Training
- Funding & Partnerships
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