

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



UW Researcher Spotlight

DR. JOSH SMITH

Milton and Delia Zeuschel Professor,
Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science & Engineering;
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Co-founder of Jeeva Wireless, Wibotic and Proprio

Smith's innovations provide wireless power to IoT systems, robots, and drones, and enhanced visualization technologies and systems for medical use

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Startups & Incubation

CoMotion Labs startup Athira Pharma to raise \$204M in IPO
CoMotion Labs member and Seattle biotech startup Athira Pharma, led by CEO Leen Kawas, went public Friday, September 18, the third Washington state IPO of 2020. [READ MORE IN GEEKWIRE](#)





WIBOTIC SECURES FCC APPROVAL

UW spinoff Wibotic secured FCC approval for wireless system to charge robots, drones and more, broadening the wireless power revolution. [READ THE STORY IN GEEKWIRE](#)



KITOTECH MEDICAL RAISES FUNDS

UW spinoff KitoTech Medical, makers of an at-home no-stitch wound closure kit, raised \$3 million to support its growth. [READ THE STORY IN GEEKWIRE](#)



CHEVRON INVESTS IN ZAP ENERGY

Zap Energy, a UW spinoff in the fusion energy space, received an undisclosed sum in Series A funding from Chevron Technology Ventures. [READ THE STORY IN INVESTOR'S BUSINESS DAILY](#)



CoMotion Labs startup Stabiltas acquired by OnSolve

CoMotion Labs member and Seattle-based threat-response software startup Stabiltas, has been acquired by critical event management company OnSolve. [READ MORE IN GEEKWIRE](#)

Resources For Startups

CoMotion supports startup creation, launch, and incubation. We offer wraparound services including training, mentoring, networking, and space across a variety of industries. [LEARN MORE](#)



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COMOTION MARY GATES INNOVATION SCHOLARS - PART 2

Meet the next three CoMotion Mary Gates Innovation Scholars in our blog series about this important program that supports UW researchers and their innovations.

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Innovation Training

I-CORPS SUMMER 2020 WINNERS

The Summer 2020 I-Corps customer discovery cohort included over 170 people and 60 teams from the University of Washington, Oregon Health and Science University, Oregon State University, Washington State University, Montana State University and Tacoma Community College. Our innovators brought amazing projects to the program, tackling many societal problems.

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Funding & Partnerships



FUNDING YOUR STARTUP WITH SBIR/STTRs

Did you know that CoMotion provides assistance in writing applications for the Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, as part of a commercialization strategy? Dr. Jeanette Ennis, CoMotion's Associate Director of Innovation Investments, provided an overview of these highly competitive grant programs, as well as tips on applying at a recent Fundamentals for Startups Friday live streaming event.

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Special Feature



BREAKTHROUGH AWARD IN LIFE SCIENCES

The [Breakthrough Prize](#) in Life Sciences went to University of Washington's Institute of Protein Design (IPD) director Dr. David Baker, for the protein technology he developed. The impact of IPD's work can be found in companies like PVP Biologics, Neoleukin Therapeutics, and Icosavax. Baker plans to use the \$3 million award to continue research in de novo design of new proteins not found in nature, that address challenges in medicine and more.

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NEWS



UW spinoffs and CoMotion-supported startups make headlines

- ThruWave, a Seattle-based tech startup that uses millimeter waves to see through packaging, has raised \$6.4 million in funding. [Read more in GeekWire](#)
 - Former BECU FinTech Incubator startup Routable announced a \$12 million Series A funding round to streamline business payments. [Read more in GeekWire](#)
 - Sana Biotechnology has big plans after securing \$700M initial financing. [Read more in AXIOS](#)
 - Exonicus receives a phase 2 award by the United States Army Medical Research and Development Command. [Read more on the TraumaSimulator blog](#)
 - The IPD also made news for designing proteins that could keep coronavirus from spreading COVID-19, and publishing a study about this research in the journal Science. [Read more in GeekWire](#)
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Events



FUNDAMENTALS FOR HARDWARE STARTUPS

Our popular "Fundamentals for **Hardware** Startups" series rounds out with two more events, from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM on the following dates:

- **9/23/20 "Hardware vs. Software is a False Choice - Hardware Enabled Services is the Future"** presented by Ryen Shimizu, Director of Strategic Partnerships for Igor Institute. [Register here.](#)
- **9/30/20 "Designing and Developing Hardware for Manufacturing & Scalability"**, presented by Marco Micheletti, Automation Director at Fresh Consulting. [Register here.](#)

FUNDAMENTALS FOR STARTUPS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS VIRTUAL SERIES

We're back with a great fall lineup of speakers who will help you navigate the exciting, complex, and sometimes daunting journey that is being a startup. Mark your calendars and RSVP to these sessions today. All events are free and held on Fridays on the dates shown below, from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM.

			
10/2/20	10/9/20	10/16/20	10/23/20
"Bluetooth® Technology's Rapid Growth in Non-Consumer Devices" with Jim Katsandres (click photo to RSVP)	"Startup Valuation" with Yi-Jian Ngo, Managing Director of Alliance of Angels (click photo to RSVP)	"Creating An Inclusive Culture from Day One" with Kim Vu, head of DEI at Remity (click photo to RSVP)	"Sustainability, How and Why" with Mardis Bagley, Creative Director & Co-founder at Nonfiction (click photo to RSVP)

[FULL SCHEDULE](#) >

Regional Innovation Event




Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) is joining forces with MIT Hacking Medicine for the inaugural OHSU "Invent-a-thon", a virtual health hackathon on October 23-25, 2020 to build innovative solutions to pressing healthcare challenges in Medtech and Digital Health/Health IT. Attendees will hear from inspiring keynote speakers, join an interdisciplinary team of fellow innovation enthusiasts, brainstorm and build a prototype, attend workshops, receive coaching from mentors, and pitch a solution to investor judges to **compete for up to \$40,000 in team prizes. Apply by October 7th.** [LEARN MORE](#)

Meet a CoMotion Mentor



Liana Antanovich is a recognized expert in the field of business opportunity evaluation, and is passionate about giving others a voice. For ten years, she was founder and Managing Director of management consulting firm Copernici. Over the years, she has advised many companies on business and product strategy, investment programs, and has worked extensively at the executive level with a number of technology companies in North America and Europe. Her expertise is in moving companies from creation/pre-revenue to past \$250M+ in sales. Liana has worked on boards and in areas including product, marketing, sales, partner channel, business development, IT, human resources, legal, organizational development, accounting, customer operations, and investor relations. Her goal as mentor for UW CoMotion teams is to meet with inventors, founders and investors, and develop productive relationships on an equitable basis. [Find Liana on LinkedIn.](#)

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