CoMotion provides UW innovators with tools, connections, and acumen to transform their ideas into economic and societal impact.

CREATING VALUE AND DRIVING IMPACT

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF SPINOFFS

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$7.4B
$4.1B

5 years
10 years
30 years

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$4.1B of that total amount was raised over the last five years.

SPINOFFS BY SECTOR (FY19 – 23)

In WA, as of July 2023:

110 Active UW Spinoffs
with over 1,071 Employees

19% Therapeutics
13% Device
9% Hardware
7% Diagnostics
7% Materials
6% Software
5% Research Tools
24% Cleantech
1% Copyright

FOSTERING INNOVATION

COMOTION BY THE NUMBERS (FY19 – 23)

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CoMotion provides a continuum of programs to move innovations from lab to market. These include gap funding, postdoc entrepreneurship support, incubation spaces, mentoring, networking, and more.

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COMOTION’S INTERCONNECTED SERVICES

CoMotion’s interconnected programs and resources are designed to support researchers and entrepreneurs throughout their innovation journey. With our support, UW innovators drive positive change in our communities and around the world.

MULTIPLE BUSINESS TRAINING PROGRAMS HELP GROW IDEAS INTO IMPACT AND INNOVATORS INTO ENTREPRENEURS.

CUSTOMIZED IP PLANS, DEVELOPED WITH RESEARCHERS AND FACULTY, SUPPORT INNOVATORS AND IDEAS ALONG THEIR PATHS TO MARKET.

CONNECTIONS TO CAPITAL AND EXPERT ADVICE EMPOWER INNOVATORS TO LAUNCH THEIR PROJECTS IN THE MARKETPLACE.

A WORLD-CLASS INFRASTRUCTURE TO LICENSE INVENTIONS, LAUNCH BUSINESSES OR INCUBATE STARTUPS, POSITION ENTREPRENEURS FOR SUCCESS.

RECENT SUCCESS STORIES

ZAP ENERGY is a fusion energy startup working on a low-cost path to producing electricity commercially. Since spinning out of the UW in 2017, they have raised over $200 million. UW co-founders Brian Nelson and Uri Shumlak appreciated CoMotion’s support in filing the initial patents, supporting the team with the first ARPA-E grant, and securing the licensing quickly.

ICOSAVAX is committed to developing safe and effective vaccines against infectious diseases to save lives and improve health. Co-founded by Neil King and David Baker at UW’s Institute for Protein Design, Icosavax went public in July 2021 and has raised more than $160 million. CoMotion contributed to their success through patent strategy, licensing, and fundraising via DubPitch.

ALL PATIENTS SAFE (APS) is a training program developed to help prevent suicide. An Innovation Gap Fund award enabled co-founders Drs. Jennifer Stuber and Anna Ratzliff and their teams to advance their technology and strategically define key markets, allowing them to address an unmet need behind “the nation’s most preventable form of death.”

ALTPEP was spunoff from Professor Valerie Daggett’s research group to address a critical need: Alzheimer’s detection and treatment. Fueled by Idea to Plan training, an Innovation Gap Fund award, and the Postdoctoral Entrepreneurship Program, AltPep launched in CoMotion Lab’s incubator, working towards a day where no one has to live with Alzheimer’s disease.