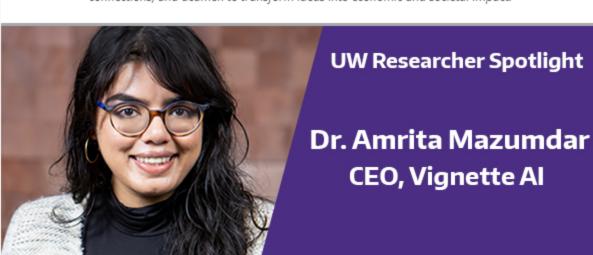


CoMotion's mission is to partner with the UW community on their innovation journey, providing tools, connections, and acumen to transform ideas into economic and societal impact.



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#### UW spinoff OctoML raises \$28M in Series B

The technology behind this Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science & Engineering spinoff reduces machine learning model deployment time from months to hours on any hardware through their webbased platform. CEO Luis Ceze was also advisor to Amrita Mazumdar, subject of our UW researcher spotlight story above.



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#### GMJ Technologies receives \$1M SBIR grant

CoMotion Labs startup GMJ Technologies, an emerging leader in novel analytical technologies for protein characterization, received a National Science Foundation SBIR award of \$1M enabling them to commence with Phase II of the project.

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#### UW stem cell spinoff raises \$6M in Series A

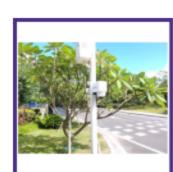
Curi Bio, formerly known as NanoSurface Biomedical, brings their total funding to date to \$16.8M with this round. They will use the newly raised funds to further develop their human stem cell-based platforms for drug discovery. The company spun off from the UW Department of Bioengineering.



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## **Mobility Innovation Center**



#### UW researchers' passion leads to innovation in transportation

Dr. Yinhai Wang, professor of UW Civil & Environmental Engineering and director of the STAR Lab, and research assistant Dr. Wei Sun created this innovative next gen IoT roadside device, which improves traffic safety, mobility, and infrastructure management. The project received support from the CoMotion Innovation Gap Fund and Challenge Seattle.

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## **Funding & competitions**







#### Applications are now open

Do you have an idea that you think has commercial potential? If so, applications are now open for the next NSF I-Corps customer discovery program powered by CoMotion Innovation Training in collaboration with WE-REACH. LEARN MORE AND APPLY

### Fintech startup competition

Win a year-long membership to the BECU FinTech Incubator at CoMotion Labs, connections to BECU experts, Pitchbook access, judges from Seattle's and more. The competition entrepreneurial is open to all fintech startups. APPLY NOW - DEADLINE

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Each year, nearly 90+

student teams from around the region submit their ventures to be reviewed by hundreds of community in the University of Washington's annual business plan competition. APPLY BY APRIL 5

## **Events**



Our next Fundamentals for Startups series, which stream Fridays at noon via our YouTube channel begins April 2nd with Gilad Berenstein who will share how to put together a board of directors. Future sessions include Nicey Hilton on building trust during COVID-19, Chas Pulido on the transition from Biotech to TechBio, and Claudius Mbemba on finding a technical co-founder.

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# Partner event: Life Science Innovation Northwest



#### March 30 - 31, 2021 This is the Pacific Northwest's largest

annual life science conference. The live virtual one-and-a-half-day event will bring together investors, public and private life science organizations, research institutions, scientists, entrepreneurs, and the global health community to discuss and feature some of the most compelling life science breakthroughs of our time. MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION HERE

# Meet a CoMotion Mentor



and services that make the world a better place. Her current focus is on healing a broken U.S. healthcare system by championing novel care models and technologies. Nicey has broad healthcare industry experience in SaaS education, telehealth, medical devices, pharmaceuticals and eldercare services. She has supported disruptive startups backed by McKesson Ventures, Founders Fund, Trilogy Equity Partners, Cambia Health Solutions, and Martin Ventures and achieved multiple honors over the course of a decade at Fortune 500 industry leader Eli Lilly. At Lilly, Nicey supported the building of high performance, high-engagement teams and coached leaders how to innovate in competitive markets. She is an honors graduate of the University of Washington and a 2016 graduate of Leadership Tomorrow's flagship development program. In March, Nicey will be launching a new CoMotion Circles offering - innovators will experience a unique "group coaching" support system for accountability, rapid momentum, and ongoing motivation. Find Nicey on LinkedIn.

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