

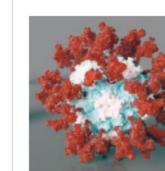
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#### COVID-19 vaccine co-developed by Institute for Protein Design receives funding

# A second-generation COVID-19 vaccine candidate,



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#### **UW spinoff TwinStrand Biosciences raises** \$50M in Series B

TwinStrand Biosciences, which has reached over \$70M in venture capital funding with this most recent round, has developed gene sequencing and analysis technology that has a higher level of accuracy in detecting anomalies than standard techniques. The company is led by co-founder, CEO, CSO and Jesse Salk, whose grandfather Jonas discovered and developed the polio vaccine.



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## UW fusion spinoff Zap Energy raises \$27.5M

Zap Energy's unique technology stabilizes plasma by using fluid flow caused by forces instead of magnets, resulting in a quicker, less costly path to low-carbon commercial fusion energy. The company spun out of UW's Department of Aeronautics & Astronautics and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. This latest round will help fuel further development of its fusion reactor towards becoming a key enabler for a sustainable global energy future.

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#### Licensing success story - META Arc foot prosthetic





Designed by a UW team lead by physical therapist and UW Medicine associate professor Murray Maitland, P.T., PhD, in partnership with prosthetics design and manufacturing group WillowWood, LLC, META <sup>(TM)</sup> Arc's design is revolutionizing the world of prosthetics. Learn about this groundbreaking innovation which took the "license to existing company" commercialization path, and the impact it's making in the lives of lower limb amputees. READ MORE.

### **Funding & Competitions**

#### AIR FORCE SBIR/STTR

The Air Force has announced the opening of the 21.2 SBIR/21.B STTR Cycle which includes a Phase I "Open Call for Innovative Defense-Related Dual-Purpose Technologies/Solutions with a Clear Air Force Stakeholder Need." This opportunity explores innovative technology domains with demonstrated commercial value in the non-Defense sector. Open Topic Phase I awards will have a maximum value of \$50,000 in SBIR/STTR funding. The application deadline for the 21.2/21.B Cycle is June 17, 2021. You can find more information about the Open Topic (topic# AF212-CSO1) and other specific topics on the Defense SBIR/STTR portal at the link below.



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#### "COMMAND: MODERN OPERATIONS" AI COMPETITION

The National Security Innovation Network is

launching a grand challenge with the Air Force Research Lab (AFRL) in search of novel Al-based techniques to conduct mission planning for complex operations. This competition will leverage the commercially available game Command: Modern Operations as the base platform and will seek competitors to create AI planning agents to develop mission plans in realistic scenarios. NSIN is offering a \$100k grand prize and finalists will be eligible for a memorandum of understanding in support of proposals for a \$750k Small Business Innovation Research award. Registration deadline: Monday, June

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## **Events**







CleanTech Alliance

#### **Dempsey Startup** Engineering Competition

16 in the Dempsey Startup Competition were supported by CoMotion programs and services, including five teams who came through the I-Corps program. The final round will be streamed Thursday, May 27 at 9:00 am. Please note, you must register in REGISTER advance. REGISTER

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# Innovation in Health

Sign up to watch the

Engineering Innovation in

Health Spring Symposium, Tuesday, June 1 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm PT. Student teams will present their innovations via lightning pitches, poster presentations, and prototype demonstrations.

## This annual event, to be

streamed Wednesday, June

23 from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm PT, will feature companies presenting their latest clean technology innovations, initiatives, and ideas in front of attendees spanning industry, investors, policymakers

## Creating an Inclusive Culture from Day One

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and effectiveness of social sector organizations. Chandler has broad experience in K-12 education, non-profit management, family law, and public health policy. He is also the volunteer Executive Director for Circle of Friends for Mental Health, which provides arts-based programming for youth and adults throughout King County, located on campus at StartUp Hall. Chandler is a graduate of the University of Washington and Johns Hopkins University. Since last year, he has been supporting faculty, researchers and students, through his active participation as a mentor for I-Corps, Innovation Gap Fund, CoMotion Advisory Solutions, and the M.S. in Entrepreneurship Program at UW Foster School of Business. Find Chandler on LinkedIn.











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