

A newsletter for the UW community and beyond engaged in entrepreneurship, innovation, and commercialization



This CoMotion Innovation Gap Fund winner's work is helping to build bilingual brains

Dr. Ramírez, assistant professor in Linguistics, has been working together with Dr. Patricia Kuhl, co-director of Institute for Learning & Brain Sciences, on SparkLing (TM), a training and certification program that prepares educators to teach children ages zero to five a second language.

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### CoMotion Labs life sciences incubator member A-Alpha Bio has raised \$20M through a Series A round, led by Madrona Venture Group. The funding will enable the startup to

build lab space in Seattle and expand their machine learning team. Launched in 2017 and led by UW Bioengineering Ph.D. graduate and former Commercialization Fellow David Younger, A-Alpha Bio helps develop treatments for COVID-19 and other diseases. **READ MORE** 

### wastewater treatment tech UW spinoff Membrion has added \$3M to their earlier

Series A funding round. They plan to use the funds to double their Seattle manufacturing facility footprint and hire ten more employees. **READ MORE** 



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year for his submission entitled "Proprio Paradigm System." See Dr. Browd's

# tweet of the letter he received.

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feature Alex Salazar, partner at Neotribe Ventures, who will share insights on how to find your first five customers and why they are so important. These lectures are open

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Washington undergraduate and graduate students of

any major or academic program who have an idea for





### The National Security Innovation Network (NSIN) Hacks program is launching a hackathon to develop concepts, technologies, or systems to provide, store, or consume energy more efficiently in

an austere, expeditionary environment. The focus areas of this event include: power consumption, microgrids and batteries, and autonomous power. Open to students, entrepreneurs, and startups, teams will compete for awards of up to \$15,000.

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Meet Mentor

**Todd Smith, Ph.D.** 

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As a CoMotion mentor, Todd Smith, Ph.D., participates in startup workshops and helps emerging biotechnology businesses perform market assessments for technologies in genomics, synthetic biology, structural biology, and bioinformatics. He specializes in life sciences and biotechnology and his areas of expertise are in new business development, market analysis, marketing and SBIR grants. DeepTracer, mentioned in the CoMotion Innovation Gap Fund story above, is among his recent

Smith received his B.S. degrees in Genetics and Biochemistry from the University of

Minnesota, and a Ph.D. in Medicinal Chemistry at the University of Washington. After receiving his Ph.D., he developed bioinformatics software and later co-founded Geospiza, whose free Sanger electropherogram trace viewer, FinchTV, became a standard tool that is still widely used. PerkinElmer acquired Geospiza in 2011, and in 2013, Dr. Smith joined Digital World Biology (DWB) to lead business development, provide business consulting, and support software and web development projects. Find Todd Smith on LinkedIn.

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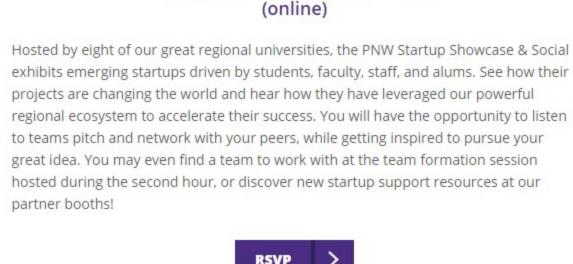
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