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**CoMotion at the University of Washington Announces Winners of 2016  
Innovation Fund Grants**

*Projects range from a pediatric exoskeleton to a novel water treatment process*

**SEATTLE, Wash.,** Dec. 15, 2016 – CoMotion at the University of Washington is pleased to announce the recipients of its fall 2016 Innovation Fund grants. Ten winning teams were selected in two categories: life science and engineering. Each team will receive \$40,000 to aid product development, and an additional \$10,000 to help reach business development milestones.

In the life sciences, the winning projects are as follows:

- **UnTape** is a medical tape that can be removed rapidly and painlessly.
- **FimH Antibody** is an antibody that stops pathogenic *E. coli* and *Klebsiella* species, which cause urinary tract infections, sepsis, meningitis and inflammatory bowel disease.
- **PlayGait** is an affordable, light-weight, and easy-to-use pediatric exoskeleton that will help children affected with gait disorders improve their walking ability.
- **Alpenglow Optics** will help pathology laboratories process surgical resection specimens more accurately and at a lower cost.
- **EigenHealth** provides a low-cost smartphone platform for recording, storing and analyzing endoscopic exams.
- **MistEase** is developing a novel way to deliver eye medications accurately and easily.

In engineering, the winning projects are as follows:

- **CORE-MI** provides feedback to addiction counseling trainers and service providers on the quality of addiction treatment in support of training, supervision, and quality assurance.
- **HAOPs Water Treatment** is developing a new "pre-treatment" process that uses a proprietary material and a novel method to remove key contaminants from water.
- **ThruWave** is a wave imaging technology that will let construction professionals work faster and with lower risk by accurately imaging the internal structure of walls, floors, and ceilings.
- **Team Bilingual Baby** helps early education centers teach young children a second language by providing research-based method and curriculum that work in one hour per day.

The CoMotion Innovation Fund is a partnership between CoMotion and the Washington Research Foundation to provide up to \$1 million per year for applied research. The Fund's

mission is to support projects that have a high impact potential, but are unlikely to succeed without gap funding. More than \$10 million in grants has been awarded since 2005.

**About the University of Washington and CoMotion:**

Recently ranked by Reuters as the #1 most innovative public university in the world, UW is a leading recipient of federal funding research, producing innovations that have the power to change the world—from biofuel alternatives, to more effective treatments for Alzheimer’s disease and brain cancer, to purification technology for drinking water in the developing world.

CoMotion at the University of Washington (UW) is the collaborative innovation hub dedicated to expanding the societal impact of the UW community. By developing and connecting local and global innovation ecosystems, CoMotion helps innovators achieve the greatest impact from their discoveries.

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