



## **University of Washington Ranked 19th for Worldwide Universities Granted U.S. Patents for 2015**

SEATTLE, WA (Jul. 12, 2016)— The University of Washington (UW) is #19 in the ranking of Top Worldwide Universities Granted U.S. Utility Patents for 2015. The report, which is published by the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) and Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO), utilizes data acquired from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to highlight the important role patents play in university research and innovation.

CoMotion at the University of Washington is focused on moving innovation from idea to impact. In fact, approximately 50% of its patent portfolio is licensed, a higher than average number compared to other universities, and one which reflects its commitment to quality of patents.

Jesse Kindra, Director of Innovation, Intellectual Property, said, “We at UW CoMotion are excited about the number of patents our UW community generates and the innovative work they represent. More specifically, we are focused on the quality of these patents and ultimately being able to translate these results into licenses or startups that are launched from our university. Having the greatest societal impact is what is most important to us.” Vikram Jandhyala, Vice President for Innovation Strategy at UW, added, “At CoMotion, we are driven by the idea that innovation should be inclusive. In alignment with this belief, these original ideas and resulting patents come from every discipline of the University and from faculty and students alike.”

The NAI and IPO have published the report annually since 2013. The rankings are compiled by calculating the number of utility patents granted by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office which lists a university as the first assignee on the printed patent.

The full report of the Top 100 Worldwide Universities Granted Patents in 2015 can be found at <http://www.academyofinventors.com/pdf/top-100-universities-2015.pdf>

IPO’s 33rd consecutive annual Top 300 Patent Owners list of organizations that received the most U.S. utility patents during 2015 was also recently released. The top 10 universities on the 2015 Top 100 Universities list also appear in the 2015 Top 300 Patent Owners list.

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### **About University of Washington**

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 UW is the collaborative innovation hub to expand the societal impact of the UW community by developing and connecting local and global innovation ecosystems.

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