YOUR INNOVATION PARTNER

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

CoMotion exists for innovators with a compelling vision who want to see that vision come to life. Our innovation framework is built on three pillars that provide essential elements to help innovators achieve the greatest impact from their ideas and discoveries.

INNOVATION TRANSFER
Helping innovators make real-world impact

We guide innovators through the commercialization journey helping them with project development, intellectual property protection, marketing, licensing, and post-licensing support. This includes CoMotion Labs, our multi-industry labs system hosting 90+ startups inside and outside the UW community.

INNOVATION TRAINING
Infusing the practice of innovation into the community

We engage with researchers, entrepreneurs, and innovators through facilitated and curated workshops that advance the innovation mindset. Through design thinking, agile lean methods, team-based exercises, and the individual and cultural aspects of innovation, we help participants find the path to take ideas and make impact within their fields and organizations.

INNOVATION STRATEGY
Creating new initiatives and partnerships

We help create approaches to navigating a dynamic educational landscape. Through cross-sector engagement, we build partnerships and incentives for new approaches to local and global impact. The Global Innovation Exchange (GIX), Amazon Catalyst, and the Mobility Innovation Center are all examples of this effort.
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The University of Washington can serve as your entry point for a wide range of beneficial relationships with businesses, non-profit organizations and agencies throughout the Puget Sound region. To take the next step toward turning innovation into impact, contact:

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COMOTION LEADERSHIP

Vikram Jandhyala on creating an environment to help innovators navigate through disruption and uncertainty. He is the Vice President for Innovation Strategy at the University of Washington, Executive Director of CoMotion, and Co-Executive Director of the Global Innovation Exchange (GIX).

“We are driven by the idea that innovation should be inclusive — innovation that is not limited by geography or discipline and engages the community at large.”

Vikram Jandhyala
UW Vice President for Innovation Strategy