

CoMotion at the University of Washington is the collaborative innovation hub dedicated to expanding the global economic and societal impact of the UW community.

CORONAVIRUS NEWS



CoMotion's Ken Myer moderates discussion with entrepreneur Xiao Wang and investor Dan Rosen on leading a startup through the crisis

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IP ADVISING, PROTECTION & LICENSING



UW Researcher Spotlight: Dr. Nora Disis, School of Medicine

Our blog series featuring University of Washington researchers working with CoMotion continues with our feature on Dr. Nora Disis, Professor of Medicine and Adjunct Professor of Pathology and Obstetrics and Gynecology at the UW. [Read about Dr. Disis and her team at the Cancer Vaccine Institute and spinoff EpiThany who are developing vaccines that help breast cancer and other patients fight this disease](#)

UW researchers working with CoMotion to accelerate their innovations addressing COVID-19

For its part, CoMotion is doing all it can to accelerate UW innovations that can help in the fight against COVID-19. Some of these inventions include a smartphone app that monitors coughing, a mobile antiviral/antibacterial device that sterilizes surfaces, and a possible method to disinfect PPE. [Read about inventions coming out of the UW that address COVID-19](#)



INNOVATION TRAINING



Video of "Bankers are from Mars, Fintechs are from Venus"

JP Nicolis, co-founder of FinTech Forge and the Alloy Labs Alliance, and cohost of Breaking Banks, the #1 global fintech radio show and podcast, explored lessons for all entrepreneurs working with conservative corporate partners on our Zoom presentation of Fundamentals for Startups, Friday April 17, 2020. [View the video here](#)

NFS I-Corps Summer/Fall 2020 offered through CoMotion

Through the NSF I-Corps Site Program, and in collaboration with [WE-REACH](#), UW faculty, researcher, postdoc, staff or student teams with an idea they think has commercial potential have the chance to receive \$2,500 to gain firsthand feedback from potential customers. Participants learn key skills to take ideas to market, interview potential customers and key stakeholders, and receive feedback. They may receive funds to travel to perform additional customer and stakeholder interviews. This program is great preparation for anyone looking to participate in the Foster School of Business competitions, the CoMotion Innovation Gap Fund or to apply for the I-Corps Teams program and continue on to seek SBIR/STTR funding (national NSF grants). Application closes June 5, 2020. [View a short video featuring researchers from the recent I-Corps cohort, and apply for I-Corps today](#)



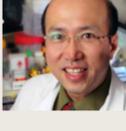
FOR UW POST DOCS & GRAD STUDENTS Exploring career paths: Taking your research to market impact

Eighty percent of postdocs and Ph.D. students do something other than enter academia after graduating, if you are curious to explore options for taking your research out into the world as a possible career path, then this webinar is for you. You will hear about the four paths researchers usually take to create a market impact with their research, and the resources available to you as you consider this possible career track. You will also hear from Fiona Willis, Director of Innovation Development Group at UW CoMotion, and a panel of your peers including Stephanie Berger, Founder of TBDiotech; Katya Cherukumilli, Founder and CEO of Global Water Labs; Greg Newbloom, Founder and CEO of Membrion; and David Younger, Founder and CEO of A-Alpha Bio, all whom have chosen that track for themselves. (UW email required to register). Presented by the UW Office of Postdoctoral Affairs and CoMotion. **Thursday, May 28, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Zoom, [click here to register](#)**

FUNDING & PARTNERSHIPS

Dr. Rodney Ho, WE-REACH executive director, speaks to press about COVID-19

Principal investigator and executive director of WE-REACH Dr. Rodney Ho spoke to USA Today, Salon and Geekwire about remdesivir, lopinavir, and hydrochloroquine as potential treatments for COVID-19. He also recently compiled a list of funding opportunities with the NIH. [Visit the WE-REACH website to learn more](#)



WE-REACH: Biomedical Innovation Bootcamp video series

The Washington Entrepreneurial Research Evaluation and Commercialization Hub (WE-REACH) is a public/private partnership designed to facilitate and accelerate the transformation of regional health research innovations into market-ready products and services that impact health outcomes. [See this series of videos from the WE-REACH Biomedical Innovation Bootcamp on the CoMotion YouTube channel](#)

STARTUPS & INCUBATION

Meet CoMotion Labs Member Medcurity

CoMotion Labs @ Spokane startup, Medcurity, is featured this month in our Meet A CoMotion Labs Member series. The startup provides a cloud-based platform for managing HIPAA security and privacy requirements, helping healthcare organizations protect their patients' information. [Learn more about Medcurity](#)



New CoMotion Blog Series: UW Innovators Battling Climate Change

CTFusion, a CoMotion-supported UW spinoff in the fusion energy space, launches our new blog series about UW innovators battling climate change. The first post in the series, which published on the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, highlights this company dedicated to the development of fusion energy, a potentially revolutionary energy source to displace conventional ones such as coal, natural gas, and fission. [Learn more about this UW fusion energy spinoff](#)

NEWS



UW spinoffs and CoMotion-supported startups make headlines

- **UW researchers** working on 'flashlight-like' device to destroy viruses and bacteria on surfaces. [Read more in GeekWire](#)
- **OctoML**: Seattle machine learning startup OctoML raises \$15M from Amplify and Madrona (photo credit: Madrona Venture Group). [Read more in GeekWire](#)
- **Tuneptics**: UW spinoff wins \$22.3K in STTR funding from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) to develop metalenses for imaging satellites. [Read more on the UW NanoES website](#)
- **Myosana Therapeutics**: This UW biotech spinoff raised up to \$1M from CureDuchenne Ventures. [Read more on the CureDuchenne website](#)
- **Exonicus, Pyrus Medical and Proprio**: Surgical Superpowers: When Virtual Reality Becomes Real. [Read more in Seattle Business Magazine](#)

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EVENTS

Nearly all CoMotion events are free and open to everyone. Feel inspired to pursue a great idea? Want to meet other entrepreneurs? Join us!

5/1 HOW TO KEEP THE HEART OF INNOVATION BEATING STRONG



You work hard to create processes and adopt technologies to make your team productive, to keep everyone engaged and innovative. In this Zoom session, led by leadership development expert Kristina Hiikka, you will become familiar with the 6C model and be able to assess your ability to stay innovative and lead your company to grow and scale. Fundamentals for Startups, noon.

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PARTNER EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Apply now for the Foster School's Master of Science in Entrepreneurship program

Are you a graduating or 5th year senior? Have you been out in the workforce holding onto that entrepreneurial idea to start your own business? Now is the time to apply for the next cohort of the Foster School's Master of Science in Entrepreneurship program. Applications are due by May 18 at noon. [Apply for the Master of Science in Entrepreneurship Program](#)

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MEET A COMOTION MENTOR

GEORGE GOSIESKI

George Gosieski is a UW alumni (BA, Architecture and Urban Planning) and a mentor with UW CoMotion. He is a serial entrepreneur with over 25 years of international and domestic corporate and consulting experience with non-profit, standards, and regulatory committees at the local, state, federal, and international level. George has deep experience in Lean-Six Sigma, program management and change management. Past startups include software, services, manufacturing, hardware, and digital healthcare.



George is open and very willing to work with any startup working with CoMotion where he feels he could provide value including mentoring during the innovation Gap Fund, participating in group mentoring activities such as Round Robin and pitch practices, advising on long-term strategy, and supporting teams involved with Buerk Center [student competitions](#).

Today, George leads the team at [JumpStartCSR](#) in creating an AI that predicts biomechanical injuries and improves performance. Using data gathered from wearable devices, their cognitive expert system (Holmz®) can be used to identify, predict and improve biomechanical risks and performance. Find George [on LinkedIn](#).



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