

CoMotion's mission is to partner with the UW community on their innovation journey, providing tools, connections, and acumen to transform ideas into economic and societal impact.



**UW Researcher Spotlight**  
**DR. SHARON DOTY**



Professor, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences  
Adjunct Professor, Microbiology

Sharon Doty's research has led to innovations that provide alternatives to chemical fertilizers and pesticides and restores contaminated sites by using plants to remove pollutants.

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**University of Washington spinoff AltPep raises \$23.1M**

Led by UW Bioengineering professor and AltPep CEO Valerie Daggett, this biotech startup is addressing Alzheimer's and related diseases raises a Series A funding round.

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**UW spinoff Opticyte secures \$4.6M in grants and seed funds**

A combination of seed and grant funding was awarded to Opticyte whose innovation could help in the treatment of sepsis. CEO and co-founder Lori Arakaki is a former UW bioengineering research scientist.



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**Applications for the spring cycle now open**

Open to UW faculty, postdocs and students, this grant program, which awards up to \$50K per project, helps technologies transition between the conclusion of academic research grants and seed stage investments. [LEARN MORE AND APPLY](#)



**Fintech startup competition**

A year-long membership to the BECU FinTech Incubator at CoMotion Labs, Pitchbook access, connections to BECU experts and more are among the benefits of this competition open to fintech startups. [LEARN MORE AND APPLY](#)



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**Mad Hacks: Fury Code**  
February 5 - 26

In this virtual hackathon, you'll develop concepts, technologies, or systems to help human-controlled and autonomous vehicles operate through cyber-attacks. Winning concepts receive \$15-\$30K to continue prototyping. Open to anyone who is creative and interested in solving Department of Defense problems. Coding experience not required. [REGISTER](#)



**Startup Licensing 101**  
January 26, 9:00am PT

Join Lisa Norton, Associate Director of Innovation Development at CoMotion, along with other panelists in this first in a series of five webinars, hosted by [Osage University Partners](#) about licensing for academic startups. Learn about technology transfer, why universities and companies enter into these agreements, stakeholders' expectations and more. [REGISTER](#)



**Davis Consumer Product Workshop**

This three-week workshop series in February helps UW students unlock those pivotal steps in starting a consumer product business. Registrants must commit to all three sessions which include: Product Development 101 on February 13, Storytelling on February 20, and Building Your Brand on February 27. [LEARN MORE AND APPLY](#)

Meet a CoMotion Mentor



CoMotion mentor **Colette Foreman** has dedicated her career to delivering best-in-class customer experiences. She brings product management and marketing know-how to the medical device and consumer tech industries creating impactful product roadmaps and focused marketing strategies. Her products have earned TIME Magazine Invention of the Year in 2017 and 2019. Colette received her MBA from the University of Toronto Rotman School of Management, and MEd from the University of Southern California. Her prior affiliations include Siemens Medical, VICIS (a CoMotion spinout) and her own consulting firm i-health Solutions. As a product marketing professional and former business educator, Colette enjoys the opportunity to mentor and share the passion of new ideas with entrepreneurs as they begin their journey from ideation to commercialization. [Find Colette Foreman on LinkedIn](#).

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