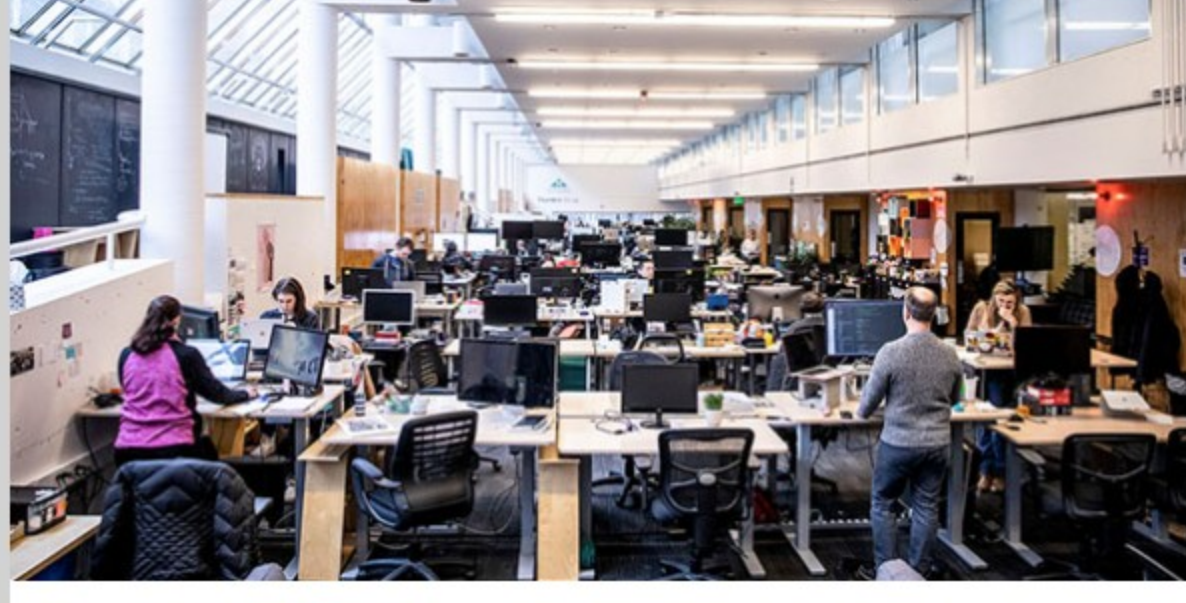


A newsletter for our community engaged in innovation, entrepreneurship, and commercialization



Startup Hall on the day it launched in 2014

### Celebrating a culture of innovation

In his latest dispatch, Vice Provost for Innovation François Baneyx shines a light on Startup Hall, home of [CoMotion Labs](#) and its technology incubator since 2014, and looks ahead to CoMotion's coming office move, which brings us closer to campus, the startups we work with, and Portage Bay Crossing, the next stage of UW's growth.

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### WRF commits \$1.2M+ to UW, WSU



[Washington Research Foundation](#) has awarded more than \$1.2 million to expand CoMotion's [Postdoctoral Entrepreneurship Program](#), a training program for early-career researchers looking to commercialize technologies, and to partner with Washington State University to establish a parallel program.

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### FUNDAMENTALS FOR STARTUPS

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Our weekly lecture series continues this **Friday, October 20, from 12-1 p.m.**, with [Carla Pagotto's](#) talk on the power of meaningful mentor relationships. And you can still catch [Tanushree \(Tee\) Podder](#) of Trilogy Equity Partners (10/27) and presentation trainer [Dana Sather Robinson](#) (11/1) before the series wraps.

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UW News ran stories covering CoMotion-supported projects, highlighting [progress in quantum computing](#), [a dental lozenge to treat tooth sensitivity](#), [algorithms that detect robotic activity](#), and computer science faculty who received prestigious [National Science Foundation's CAREER Awards](#) recognizing early-career scholarship.

GeekWire reports that UW spinoffs—including A-Alpha Bio, Membrion, Proprio, Ollis Robotics, and Twinstrand Biosciences—have recently raised \$85M+. The site has also covered wastewater treatment tech: mini-robots inspired by origami folds; compostable bioplastics; a lollipop designed for diagnostic testing; underwater GPS; smaller and cheaper LIDAR technology; and AI in drug development.

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### NSF I-CORPS

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### Applications open for customer discovery program

Do you have an idea with commercial potential that needs help getting off the ground? Apply now for the winter session of [CoMotion's NSF I-Corps Program](#) and seize the opportunity to expand your entrepreneurship knowledge and skills, from customer interviews to pitch practice. **Space is limited—apply by Wednesday, November 29.**

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### Intellectual property resources



### Introducing UW Copyright Resource

[Copyright Resource](#) is UW's newly redesigned self-help guide for copyright principles and policies, developed to help UW educators, researchers, and creators navigate copyright concerns in the context of higher education. CoMotion Copyright and Trademark Manager Katrina Brede introduces it on our blog.

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### Understanding provisional patents

[Venu Sareen](#), one of CoMotion's patent portfolio managers, works closely with innovators looking to protect their intellectual property through the patent process, which starts with a provisional patent application. In this video, Venu breaks down what it is, what protections it grants, when to file, and more.

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### Partner events and opportunities



This year's UW School of Medicine Inventor of the Year is bioengineering and ophthalmology professor [Ruikang Wang](#), who developed a non-invasive technique for measuring blood flow in the eye. The celebration (**Wednesday, November 1, from 5-7:30 p.m.** at [UW Medicine South Lake Union](#)) includes the CoMotion Innovator Showcase, with presentations from seven research teams.

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The Discovery Series, hosted monthly by the [Tech Alliance](#), spotlights notable research from across the state. The event on **Friday, November 3** (at Seattle University's [Center for Science and Innovation](#)), features earth scientist Allison Myers-Pigg of the [Pacific Northwest National Lab](#) talking about how wildfires affect local water quality.

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### Meet a CoMotion mentor



**Hana Gage**  
Vice President,  
Global Sales,  
S2 Genomics

Hanayo "Hana" Kiyota Gage has worked in life sciences for 30 years, working across areas at companies focused on disruptive technologies with applications in genomics, proteomics, and high-throughput analyses. A CoMotion mentor since 2019, Hana is passionate about leveraging this domain experience to help teams hone their product and market development strategy. [Connect with Hana on LinkedIn.](#)

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#### COMOTION'S INTERCONNECTED SERVICES



CoMotion partners with the UW community on their innovation journey, providing tools, connections, and acumen to transform ideas into economic and societal impact.

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