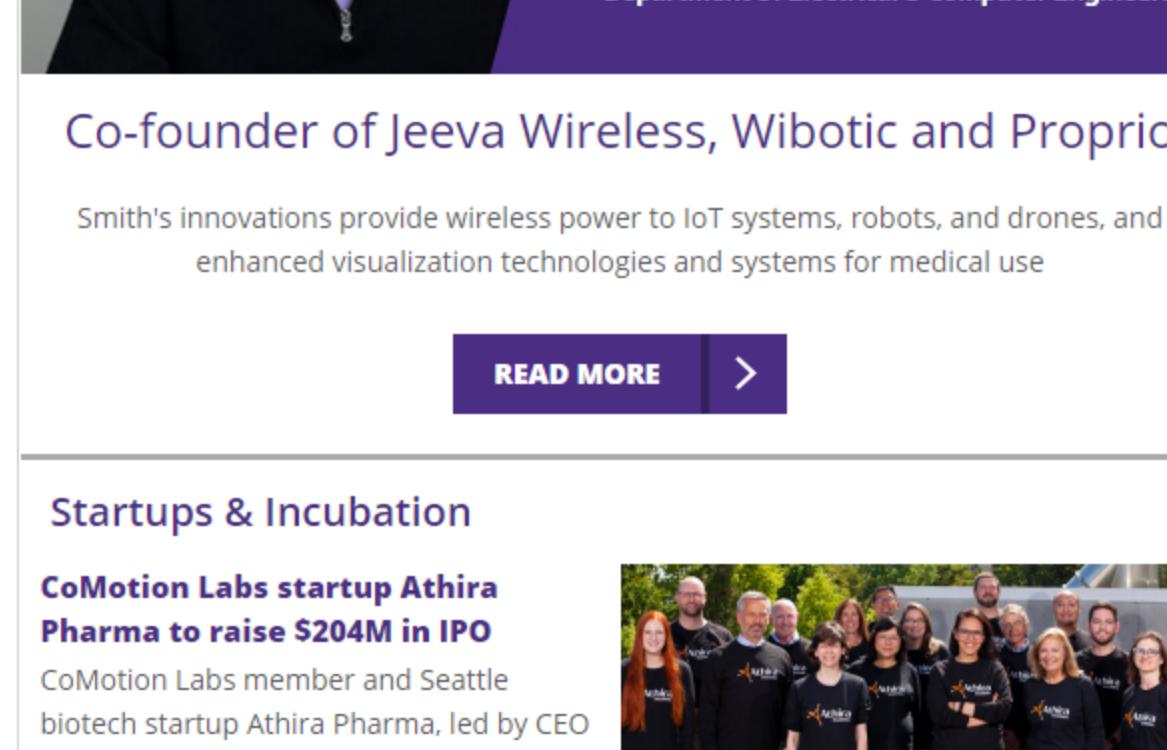


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**UW Researcher Spotlight****DR. JOSH SMITH**

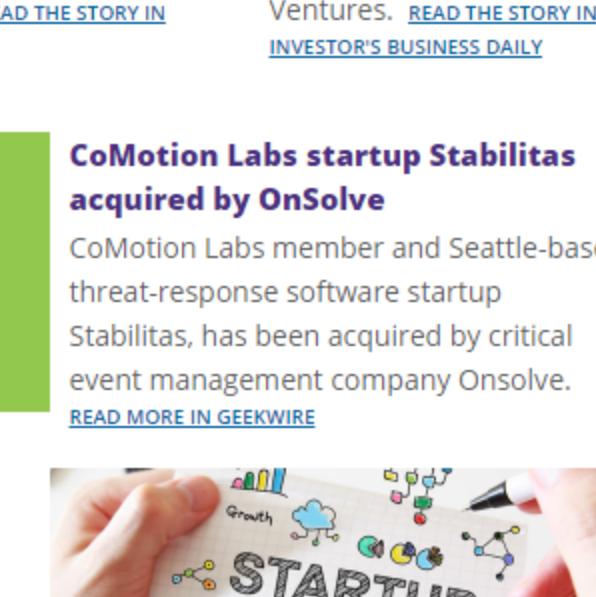
Milton and Delta Zeutschel Professor,
Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science & Engineering;
Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering

Co-founder of Jeeva Wireless, Wibotic and Proprio

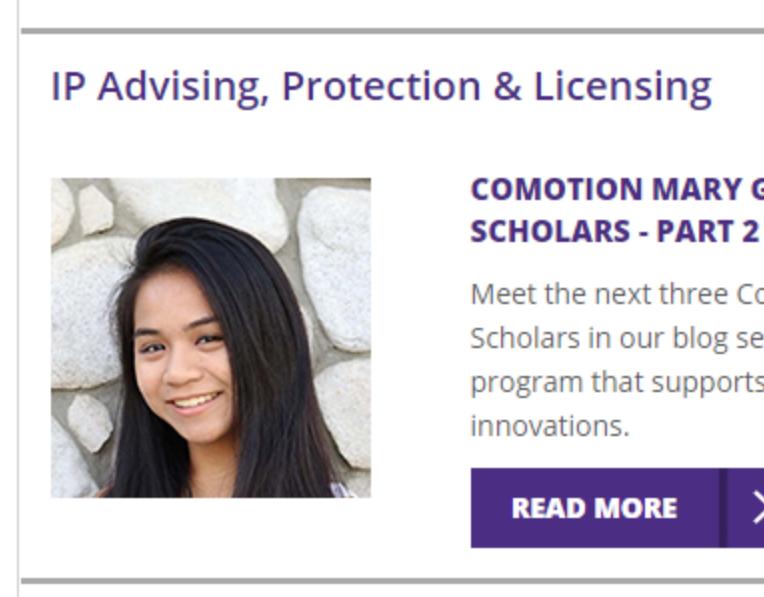
Smith's innovations provide wireless power to IoT systems, robots, and drones, and enhanced visualization technologies and systems for medical use

READ MORE >**Startups & Incubation****CoMotion Labs startup Athira Pharma to raise \$204M in IPO**

CoMotion Labs member and Seattle biotech startup Athira Pharma, led by CEO Leen Kawas, went public Friday, September 18, the third Washington state IPO of 2020. [Read more in GeekWire](#)

**WIBOTIC SECURES FCC APPROVAL**

UW spinoff WiBotic secured FCC approval for wireless system to charge robots, drones and more, broadening the wireless power revolution. [Read the story in GeekWire](#)

**KITOtech MEDICAL RAISES FUNDS**

UW spinoff KitoTech Medical, makers of an at-home no-stitch wound closure kit, raised \$3 million to support its growth. [Read the story in GeekWire](#)

CHEVRON INVESTS IN ZAP ENERGY

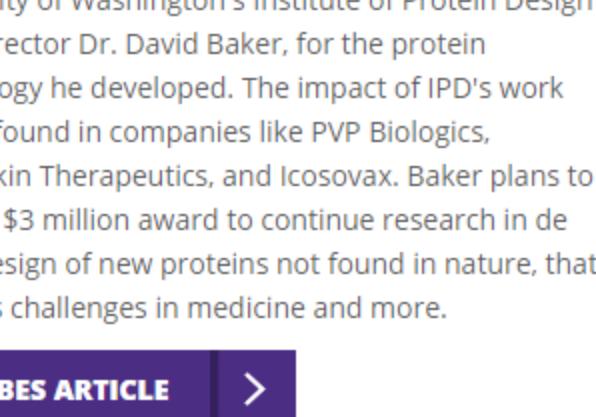
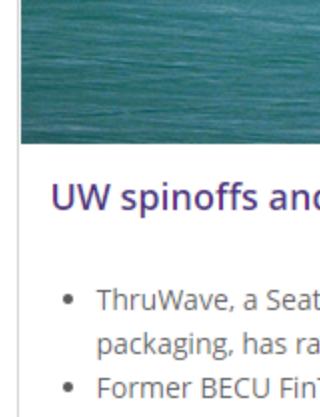
Zap Energy, a UW spinoff in the fusion energy space, received an undisclosed sum in Series A funding from Chevron Technology Ventures. [Read the story in Investor's Business Daily](#)

Resources For Startups

CoMotion supports startup creation, launch, and incubation. We offer wraparound services including training, mentoring, networking, and space across a variety of industries. [Learn more](#)

CoMotion Labs startup Stabilitas acquired by OnSolve

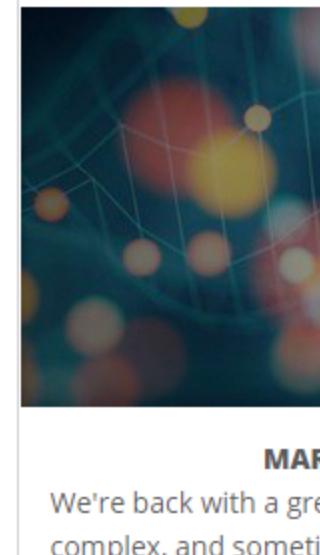
CoMotion Labs member and Seattle-based threat-response software startup Stabilitas, has been acquired by critical event management company OnSolve. [Read more in GeekWire](#)

**IP Advising, Protection & Licensing****COMOTION MARY GATES INNOVATION SCHOLARS - PART 2**

Meet the next three CoMotion Mary Gates Innovation Scholars in our blog series about this important program that supports UW researchers and their innovations.

READ MORE >**Innovation Training****I-CORPS SUMMER 2020 WINNERS**

The Summer 2020 I-Corps customer discovery cohort included over 170 people and 60 teams from the University of Washington, Oregon Health and Science University, Oregon State University, Washington State University, Montana State University and Tacoma Community College. Our innovators brought amazing projects to the program, tackling many societal problems.

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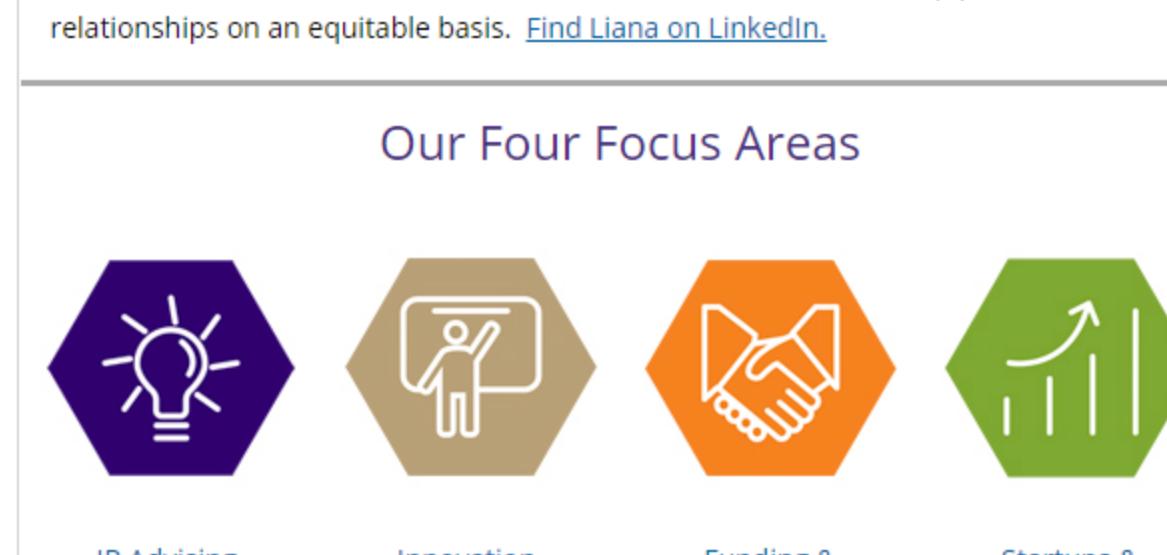
Did you know that CoMotion provides assistance in writing applications for the Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, as part of a commercialization strategy? Dr. Jeanette Ennis, CoMotion's Associate Director of Innovation Investments, provided an overview of these highly competitive grant programs, as well as tips on applying at a recent Fundamentals for Startups Friday live streaming event.

READ MORE >**Special Feature****BREAKTHROUGH AWARD IN LIFE SCIENCES**

The **Breakthrough Prize** in Life Sciences went to University of Washington's Institute of Protein Design (IPD) director Dr. David Baker, for the protein technology he developed. The impact of IPD's work can be found in companies like PVP Biologics, Neoleukin Therapeutics, and Icosavax. Baker plans to use the \$3 million award to continue research in de novo design of new proteins not found in nature, that address challenges in medicine and more.

FORBES ARTICLE >**UW spinoffs and CoMotion-supported startups make headlines**

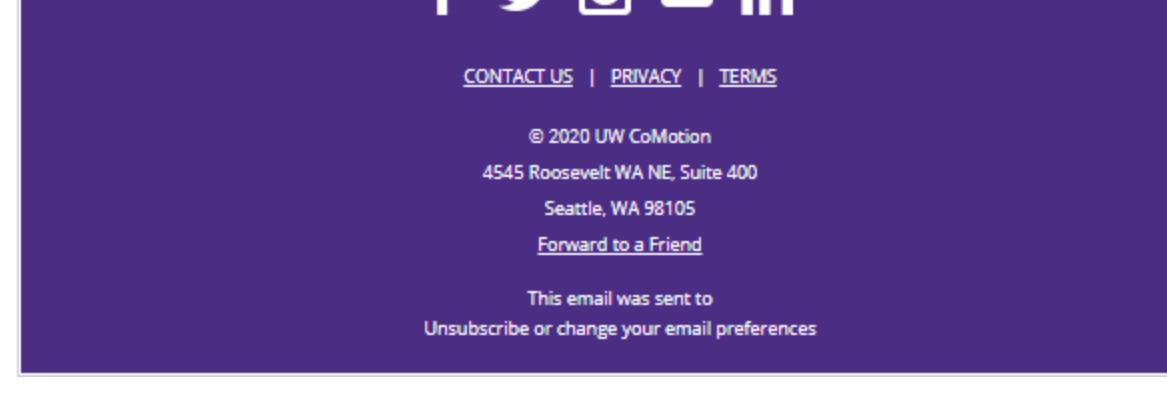
- ThruWave, a Seattle-based tech startup that uses millimeter waves to see through packaging, has raised \$6.4 million in funding. [Read more in GeekWire](#)
- Former BECU FinTech Incubator startup Routable announced a \$12 million Series A funding round to streamline business payments. [Read more in GeekWire](#)
- Sana Biotechnology has big plans after securing \$700M initial financing. [Read more in Axios](#)
- Exonicus receives a phase 2 award by the United States Army Medical Research and Development Command. [Read more on the TraumaSimulator blog](#)
- The IPD also made news for designing proteins that could keep coronavirus from spreading COVID-19, and publishing a study about this research in the journal *Science*. [Read more in GeekWire](#)

MORE NEWS >**Events**

Our popular "Fundamentals for Hardware Startups" series rounds out with two more events, from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM on the following dates:

• **9/23/20 "Hardware vs. Software is a False Choice - Hardware Enabled Services is the Future"** presented by Ryan Shimizu, Director of Strategic Partnerships for Igor Institute. [Register here](#).

• **9/30/20 "Designing and Developing Hardware for Manufacturing & Scalability"**, presented by Marco Micheletti, Automation Director at Fresh Consulting. [Register here](#).



Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) is joining forces with **MIT Hacking Medicine** for the inaugural OHSU "Invent-a-thon", a virtual health hackathon on October 23-25, 2020. Attendees will receive live coaching from mentors, brainstorm and build a prototype, attend workshops, receive live coaching from mentors, and pitch a solution to a panel of judges to compete for up to \$40,000 in team prizes. Apply by October 7th. [Learn more](#)

Meet a CoMotion Mentor

Liana Antanovich is a recognized expert in the field of business opportunity evaluation, and is passionate about giving others a voice. For ten years, she has founded, and has advised many businesses on business consulting and product strategy. Over the years, she has advised many companies on the executive level and product strategy, including technology companies in North America and Europe. Her expertise is in moving companies and in areas including: product market fit, marketing, sales, partner channel, business development, IT, human resources, legal, organizational development, accounting, customer relations, and investor relations. Her goal as a mentor for UW CoMotion is to meet with inventors, founders, and investors, and to help them develop their product and relationships on an equitable basis. [Find Liana on LinkedIn](#).

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