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YOUR PARTNER IN INNOVATION
The University of Washington has no shortage of innovative ideas; however, even the best ideas require a crucial support network and early resources to guide their success. The Innovation Fund supports talented innovators at the UW and beyond. This philanthropically-based fund allows innovators time to access the learning resources – driving their own innovation from idea to start up through a six-month to one-year fellowship, and the money to build, test and develop their innovations. The fund is specifically designed for projects with a high chance of creating impact.

HUSKY ANGELS
Husky Angels is a new CoMotion initiative: an angel investment group open to students, alumni and their parents, as well as faculty and staff, both locally and internationally. Husky Angels brings the entire UW community together around entrepreneurship, innovation, and angel investment. Basic membership is free, but those members wishing to participate as angel investors must qualify as accredited investors, and will be charged a modest fee. Husky Angels are invited to participate in array of activities including networking events, learning events for entrepreneurs and new Angels, mentor matching, investment opportunities and more.

THE W FUND, LP
The W Fund, LP creates impact and value for investors by investing in brilliant scientific founders and seasoned business leaders, to build new companies that deliver products, services and solutions arising from research discoveries at UW and other research institutions across the state of Washington. The Fund invests in the most promising and impactful spin-out opportunities, across all research sectors. The Fund has catalyzed more than $20M in additional private investment through syndication with angels and other venture funds, and while it is still early, several portfolio companies have raised follow-on rounds with impressive growth in valuation.
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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THE GLOBAL INNOVATION EXCHANGE

The Global Innovation Exchange (GIX) is a University of Washington partnership with Beijing’s Tsinghua University, with foundational support from Microsoft. Its purpose is to develop innovation leaders and stimulate innovation in the workforce while solving technological and design challenges and building global capacity to tackle complex problems. GIX will function as an innovation test bed and launch pad, spurring new concepts, capabilities and companies. Partnership opportunities exist with GIX, including opportunities to make philanthropic investments at a range of levels. Furthermore, as the institute continues to develop, companies and other organizations will be invited to lend professionals as instructors and mentors, send employees for a GIX education and propose and fund projects.

THE INNOVATION DISTRICT

Seattle’s University District is being rezoned to create new opportunities for office buildings and commercial development. The University District, which currently houses the UW’s StartUp Hall business incubator, will soon be developed into an Innovation District with a visible presence next to the UW where corporations and startups can locate and flourish as part of our burgeoning innovation ecosystem. A number of advantages exist by establishing a visible presence adjacent to the UW campus including, but not limited to: creating strategic affiliations in research and development; recruiting intellectual talent for internships and permanent positions; and accessing best practices and learning opportunities.

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