

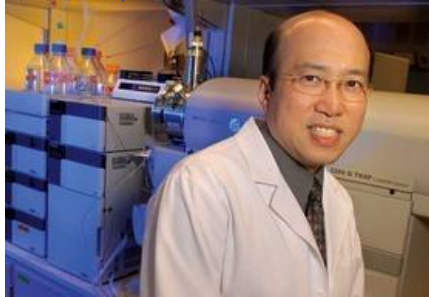
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UW taps entrepreneurs, launches fellowship program

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The University of Washington is turning to local entrepreneurs and on-campus researchers to help promote more commercialization and more spin out companies tied to UW research.



Rodney Ho, in his nano particle lab in the UW Health Sciences Building, started two companies and is now a startup mentor. (Dan Schlatter/PSBJ)

The University of Washington's [Center for Commercialization](#) is launching an entrepreneurs fellows program. The UW's C4C also has added veteran entrepreneurs to its entrepreneurs-in-residence program.

With the moves, UW is stepping up efforts to take research and innovation out of the lab and into the marketplace. The C4C has helped launch several companies in the life sciences, clean tech and software industries, including Fate Therapeutics, EnerG2 and MicroGREEN Polymers.

Here is a new [article](#) from the PSBJ (subscribers only) on one of the fellows, DNA researcher Rodney Ho who has launched two startups through the UW and is evaluating a third. In the article, PSBJ's Clay Hotzman writes that "over the last two years, C4C has reorganized itself, made inroads with local investors and business leaders and started raising a \$20 million fund for UW startups."

The fellows are:

Daniel Chiu, assistant professor, department of chemistry, college of arts and sciences;

Joel Durand, professor, school of music;

Oren Etzioni, professor, department of computer science and engineering, college of engineering;

Vikram Jandhyala, professor, department of electrical engineering, college of engineering;

Carla Grandori, research associate professor, department of pharmacology;

Rodney J.Y. Ho, Gibaldi professor and director of DNA sequence and gene analysis, department of pharmaceuticals, school of pharmacy;

Yoky Matsuoka, associate professor, department of computer science and engineering, college of engineering;

Buddy Ratner, professor and director UWEB, department of

bioengineering and department of chemical engineering.

UW has appointed eight Presidential Entrepreneurial Faculty Fellows who have had success in translating their research into the marketplace:

Lars Johansson, a former Microsoft executive, Cleantech angel investor and the co-chair of Northwest Energy Angels;

Ronald Berenson, a medical oncologist who founded biotechnology companies HemaQuest Pharmaceuticals, Xcyte, and CellPro;

Terri Butler, a 20-year technology veteran awarded patents for innovation in electrostatic printing and advanced materials while at 3M Co.;

Henry Berg, a director at A3 Alliance, whose background includes start-up efforts focused on mobile devices and patented work on collective intelligence business forecasting tools; and

Stephanie Amoss, a marketing expert with more than 20 years experience in the healthcare and medical device industries.