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UW appoints 2014 Presidential Entrepreneurial Faculty Fellows

University of Washington professors recognized for industry collaboration, entrepreneurial success in translating research into products, therapies

University of Washington President Michael Young has announced the appointment of ten new members to the university's prestigious Presidential Entrepreneurial Faculty Fellows (EFF) program. This year's appointees join eight continuing fellows previously selected for success in initiating groundbreaking programs to translate research into products and therapies, in collaborating with industry, and in sharing their knowledge with other UW researchers.

Throughout their two-year terms, the ten new fellows will serve as mentors to other UW faculty, researchers and staff with entrepreneurial aspirations, and also share their experiences at campus entrepreneurial events. At the end of the term, fellows are encouraged to continue participation in the program and to serve as program and activity advisors to the UW Center for Commercialization (C4C).

The ten new UW Presidential Entrepreneurial Faculty Fellows are: **Chuck Murry**, professor of pathology, bioengineering and medicine/cardiology; **Mike Regnier**, professor of bioengineering; **Per Reinhall**, professor and chair of mechanical engineering; **Ed Clark**, professor of microbiology and immunology; **Michael Jensen**, MD, director of the Ben Towne Center for Childhood Cancer at Seattle Children's Research Institute and professor of pediatric hematology-oncology at UW Medicine; **Satoshi Minoshima**, professor of radiology; **Shwetak Patel**, associate professor of computer science and engineering and electrical engineering; **Corey Fagan**, clinic director, psychology; **Jake Wobbrock**, associate professor, Information School; and **Andy Ko**, assistant professor, Information School.

"These ten professors have encouraged the commercial sector to take notice of UW, to consider us first when seeking collaborators and cutting edge technology to form the basis of new patient treatments, products, and services," said Young. "Our Entrepreneurial Faculty Fellows are a critical component of the ecosystem taking hold."

In addition, four new industry sector co-chairs for the program have been named. Software, IT and electrical engineering: **Vikram Jandhyala**, professor and former chair of Electrical Engineering, who recently was named UW Vice Provost for Innovation, a newly-created post to lead entrepreneurial efforts across campus and to more fully integrate innovation into the educational mission of the University; Therapeutics/diagnostics: **Bonnie Ramsey**, UW professor of pediatrics, director of the Cystic Fibrosis Center, Seattle Children's, and director of the Center for Clinical and Translational Research at Seattle Children's Research Institute; medical devices: **Sam Browd**, UW professor of neurological surgery based at Seattle Children's; and materials science: **Vipin Kumar**, UW associate professor of mechanical engineering.

"I had the privilege to serve as one of the inaugural C4C entrepreneurial faculty fellows in 2011," Jandhyala said, "and I am excited to begin working with our new members in my new role and learning about their perspectives."

Jandhyala was named Vice Provost for Innovation when Linden Rhoads, who led C4C for more than five years, announced that she would return to the private sector. She will remain as Executive Director for Commercialization at UW through 2014 and will continue to be a guiding presence going forward as Jandhyala takes on his new role.

"Each year our fellows foster a culture of striving to see research-generated innovations reach customers and patients," Rhoads said. "Their contributions benefit UW innovators – faculty, students, and research staff – across campus as we increase the impact of UW innovations."

Returning for the second year of their two-year EFF appointment are eight 2013 program awardees: **Joyce Cooper**, professor of mechanical engineering; **Nora Disis**, professor of medicine in the Division of Oncology, a member of the Tumor Vaccine Group in the Center for Translational Medicine in Women's Health, and principal investigator for the Institute for Translational Health Sciences; **Steve Fink**, affiliate associate professor of educational leadership and policy studies in the College of Education; **Karen Goldberg**, professor of chemistry; **Steve Gribble**, professor of computer science and engineering; **Pierre Mourad**, senior principal physicist in the Applied Physics Laboratory and professor of neurological surgery; **Debbie Nickerson**, professor of genome sciences; and **Sam Browd**, UW professor of neurological surgery based at Seattle Children's.

About the University of Washington Center for Commercialization (C4C)

As one of the leading recipients of federal funding for research, UW is producing innovations that have the power to change the world—from biofuel alternatives, to more effective treatments for Alzheimer's disease and brain cancer, to purification technology for drinking water

in the developing world. The UW Center for Commercialization (C4C) is dedicated to helping UW researchers achieve the greatest impact from their innovations. UW C4C continues to implement new programs and integrate its resources to provide one of the best university commercialization centers for UW researchers.

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