Many notable figures in industry and research earned degrees from the Department of Bioengineering. Here are some outstanding examples of how our alumni are changing the world.

Wayne Quinton (BS ’58) was an innovator whose contributions to the world of medicine have been numerous. He started Quinton Instruments in 1953, building the first treadmills designed specifically for cardiac testing. In 1960, he helped develop the hemodialysis shunt, which made giving dialysis treatments to artificial kidney patients easier and safer. Quinton was the UW 2009 Alumnus Summa Laude Dignatus, the “alumnus worthy of the highest praise.” He was an affiliate professor at UW Bioengineering until his death in 2015.

Wayne R. Gombotz (PhD ’88) is a leader in the pharmaceutical industry with over 20 years in executive management. Currently chief development officer at Immune Design, Gombotz serves on advisory boards for the UW’s Micracle Life Sciences Center and the Washington Center for Advanced Materials Technology. He is the co-author of Current Trends in Monoclonal Antibody Development and Manufacturing.

Jay Rubinstein, M.D. (PhD ’88) is a model example of a bioengineer who straddles the line between doctor and researcher. He is the director of the Virginia Merrill Bloedel Hearing Research Center and professor in the departments of Bioengineering and Otolaryngology. His research focuses on signal processing for cochlear implants and he is also known as a superb surgeon. He co-developed a device for patients suffering from balance disorders due to Meniere’s disease. He is the first doctoral student to graduate from UW Bioengineering.

Christopher McInnes (PhD ’92) was behind the research underlying the technology associated with the Sonicare toothbrush. His research included both clinical trials and laboratory studies. He worked for Optiva Corp., makers of Sonicare, for 12 years and during his tenure saw the technology that was later commercially licensed to Oxford GlycoSciences. McInnes currently holds 37 U.S. Patents.

David A. Basiji (PhD ’97) honed his entrepreneurial skills as a UW student. He co-founded Amnis Corporation with technology developed in UW Bioengineering. He is co-inventor of the ImageStream system, a breakthrough technology for high speed imaging and analysis of cells in flow. While at UW, he developed an ultra-sensitive DNA and protein analysis platform for the Human Genome Project, a technology that was later commercially licensed to Oxford GlycoSciences. Basiji currently holds 37 U.S. Patents.

Joan Greve (BS ’97) is an assistant professor of biomedical engineering at the University of Michigan. She was previously a program manager at the Allen Institute for Brain Science. Greve lead Genentech, Inc.’s MRI Group multi-modality imaging lab and was a core team member of Genentech’s Alzheimer’s disease program. She was a key figure in designing the strategy for initial phases of an investigational new drug filing with the FDA, eventually seeing an antibody to treat Alzheimer’s disease from the laboratory bench to the clinic. She is currently an associate editor of the Annals of Biomedical Engineering and was a National Science Foundation Fellow from 2002-2005.

Arthur Chan (PhD ’03) is the first person at UW Bioengineering to complete a doctorate on focused ultrasound ablation. His research resulted in three patents for an image-guided therapy device and received awards from AAMI and ASRM. Chan is currently a medical affairs liaison at Alcon. Prior to joining Alcon, Chan was medical science liaison at Bausch + Lomb, a clinical affairs manager at Endo Pharmaceuticals and led clinical marketing and education for InSightec, a medical device start up. He was the recipient of a Washington Research Foundation Gates Fellowship to pursue technology entrepreneurship.

Inventing the future of medicine.

UW Bioengineering faculty and students bridge the traditional disciplines of medicine and engineering to drive health care forward here and around the world. Students, scientists, engineers and physicians come together in Bioengineering to develop innovative and cost-effective approaches to improve health care. Our interdisciplinary teams collaborate in a wide range of areas, from biomedical imaging to biomaterials and from diagnostic tools to targeted drug delivery.
DEGREE PROGRAMS

Bachelor of Science (BS) – prepares students for graduate school, medical school and careers in industry
Master of Science (MS) – prepares students for further study or careers in industry and research
Combined BS/MS Program – five-year accelerated MS degree program
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) – intensive research prepares students for advanced-level careers in industry and academia
Master of Applied Bioengineering (MAB) – one-year daytime professional degree program designed to prepare students for industry and translational research
Master of Pharmaceutical Bioengineering (PharBE) – part-time online degree program that prepares working scientists and engineers for leadership roles in pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS
• Certificate programs in basic bioscience, translational pharmaceutics, drug discovery and design
• Program on technology commercialization – four-course series teaches the fundamentals of translating academic research to marketed product

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS
For academic year 2015-2016:
Undergraduates enrolled: 209
Bachelor’s degrees awarded: 52
Graduates enrolled: 131
Master’s degrees awarded: 17
Doctoral degrees awarded: 8

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION
PROGRAM FEATURES
• Strength in core fundamentals – a foundation for success
• Real-world focus – students develop skills in collaboration, communication, systems analysis and critical thinking; emphasis on leadership and creativity
• Accredited by ABET

EXCELLENCE
• Program ranked 11th by U.S. News & World Report for undergraduate programs in bioengineering
• One Rhodes Scholar, one Gates Cambridge Scholar, one Luce Scholar, two Fulbright Student Fellows and eight Goldwater Scholars as of 2016
• More Amgen Scholars than any other UW department – 31 since 2007
• Over 100 Mary Gates Scholarships

GRADUATE EDUCATION
PROGRAM FEATURES
• Develop cross-disciplinary expertise in engineering and biomedical science
• Students enter with degrees from bioengineering, chemical engineering, chemistry, physics, biology, computer science, electrical engineering and related disciplines
• Unparalleled research experience – students begin lab research with faculty from UW Bioengineering and across UW immediately upon entering our programs
• Home to Bioengineering Cardiovascular Training Grant (NIH); faculty and students participate in other NIH training grants at UW

EXCELLENCE
• Program ranked 9th by U.S. News & World Report for doctoral programs in bioengineering
• 13 current National Science Foundation Fellows

FACULTY
COMPOSITION
• 51 active core teaching and research faculty
• 51 adjunct faculty
• 54 affiliate faculty
• 53 senior fellows, visiting scholars and visiting scientists

HONORS
• 25 American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) Fellows
• 13 members of the Washington State Academy of Sciences
• 14 past and current UW CoMotion Presidential Innovation Fellows
• Six members of the National Academy of Engineering (NAE)
• Six AAAS Fellows
• One National Academy of Inventors Fellow

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
AREAS OF DISCOVERY
Our faculty and students conduct basic and applied research that spans five interdisciplinary themes:

- Systems, Synthetic & Quantitative Biology
- Biomaterials & Regenerative Medicine
- Technology for Expanding Access to Health Care
- Molecular & Cellular Engineering
- Instrumentation, Imaging & Image-Guided Therapy

MARKET IMPACT
Bioengineering consistently ranks 1st and 2nd among UW departments in reporting inventions. To date:
• 1,437 patents filed
• 391 patents issued
• 4 software copyrights
• 99 active licenses
• 807 reported inventions
• 36 existing startup companies resulting from faculty and student research

BUILDING BRIDGES
UW Bioengineering promotes sustainable, mutually beneficial relationships with individuals, nonprofits and companies in Seattle, nationally and around the world.
• BioEngage increases engagement of students and faculty with biomedical industry partners.

UW Bioengineering Expenditures by Source FY 2016
Total $31.9M

UW Appropriations 14.7%
Research Cost Recovery 5.8%
Gifts & Endowments 4.8%
Self Sustaining/ Cost Centers 1.6%