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CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY'S SWARTZ CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP ANNOUNCES 2024-2025 INNOVATION COMMERCIALIZATION FELLOWS

The Carnegie Mellon University Swartz Center for Entrepreneurship recently awarded five [Innovation Commercialization Fellowships](#) for 2024-2025. This year's recipients are:

Dominik Bauer, *Ph.D. Candidate, Robotics Institute*

Dominik co-founded his startup FuturHand Robotics, to bring dexterous robotic solutions to market where they can help combat labor shortages, drive productivity, and automate dull, dangerous, and dirty jobs.

Mitchell Fogelson, *Ph.D. Candidate, Mechanical Engineering*

Mitchell founded Beyond Reach Labs, Inc. to commercialize his research on novel extending structures that were developed through a NASA grant exploring large-scale space structures for artificial gravity.

Sam Gershanok, *Ph.D. Candidate, Materials Science Engineering*

Sam strives to create healthcare devices that alleviate patients suffering while improving clinicians' understanding of ailments. His research focuses on leveraging nanomaterials to address intractable diseases through the development of bioelectronic platforms.

Aaron Trowbridge, *Research Associate, Robotics Institute*

Aaron has worked on quantum optimal control technology for two years, developing cutting-edge methods that have been successfully tested on hardware devices.

Francisco Vicente, *Senior Research Scientist, Robotics Institute*

Francisco has over 12 years of experience in the field of ML/CV with a focus on human faces and facial expression analysis and its various applications.

The [Innovation Commercialization Fellows Program](#) is a yearlong program and has the goal of accelerating the process of commercializing university research. It aims to foster entrepreneurship among graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and research personnel who work directly with faculty investigators to conduct scientific experiments, solve problems and innovate. Fellows are awarded \$50K in funding and participate in dedicated workshops and intensive mentoring to pursue their startup idea. Since 2015 the program has awarded 50 fellowships.

For additional information about the [Innovation Commercialization Fellows program](#), contact program manager, Melanie Simko: msimko@cmu.edu