CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY’S SWARTZ CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP ANNOUNCES 2019-2020 INNOVATION FELLOWS

The Carnegie Mellon University Swartz Center for Entrepreneurship recently awarded three Innovation Fellowships for 2019-2020. This year’s recipients are:

Joe Bartels, Postdoctoral Researcher, Robotics Institute, School of Computer Science. Joe is working to commercialize novel depth imaging systems for broad use in robotics including self-driving cars, industrial manufacturing, and mobile robots.

Jooli Han, Ph.D. Candidate, Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering. Jooli’s research focuses on the development of soft robotic muscle-powered cardiac assist devices for heart failure patients.

Bruce Wu, Research Scientist, Scott Institute for Energy Innovation. Bruce is working on solutions that can optimally utilize the residual value of used lithium-ion battery cells through secondary use as energy storage solutions and direct recycling to exact high value materials.

The Innovation 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. The program was created in 2014 and has to date awarded 25 fellowships.

For additional information about the Innovation Fellows program, contact program manager, Melanie Simko: msimko@cmu.edu

About the Swartz Center for Entrepreneurship
The Swartz Center for Entrepreneurship works with its partners to serve the entire Carnegie Mellon University community — departments, colleges, centers and campuses — and bring promising ideas to the global marketplace. By accelerating research innovations from across CMU, the Swartz Center helps all entrepreneurial students, faculty, staff and alumni tap into the “innovation ecosystem.” For more information on the Swartz Center for Entrepreneurship and its programs visit cmu.edu/entrepreneurship.

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