We’ve Moved
In April our office relocated from the Denali building on College Road into a more convenient location on campus in 401/402 Rasmuson Library which is located on the ground floor near the 24 hour study area. We can evaluate and protect UAF staff and faculty’s intellectual property, identify licensees of the new technology, market your invention, and work with Nanook Innovation Corporation and Nanook Tech Ventures to license your technology directly or build a new start-up company so the public may benefit from it. Please stop by and see our new offices. Don’t forget to like us on Facebook!

Royalty Check Presentation Event
Volcanic Ash Software

On Wednesday, July 2, 2014, 9 of the 31 named contributors of Volcanic Ash Software joined Chancellor Brian Rogers and Associate Vice Chancellor for Research Dan White in the lobby of IARC for a royalty check presentation ceremony.

University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) is set to disburse the first round of royalty checks to the 31 named contributors whose software was used in the creation of V-ADAPT, the University’s first start-up company.

V-ADAPT’s tools allow a user to browse near-real time satellite images, receive thermal and ash alerts, and forecast future ash locations. The company also provides scenarios planning and data analysis services for risk management. For more information, please visit the V-ADAPT website at www.vadapt.net

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UAF Launchpad
A Proof of Concept Center to License Software

UAF has provided a new service in conjunction with Nanook Innovation Corporation (NIC). UAF Launchpad is a proof of concept center where software developers can make their software available for licensing to test whether it is something the market wants. By using this new service, software developers can reduce the time that it takes to bring their software to market, and rapidly invent new products.

Dan White, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research at UAF, says that the program builds on the efforts at the University Office of Intellectual Property and Commercialization to license technology and create start ups. “The initiative allows an inventor to see if the software is something the marketplace demands. If it isn’t, then the inventor can change directions, continue developing, or scrap the project with little or no risk. This makes it easier for university inventors to develop their inventions and adapt to a changing market.”

One UAF inventor, Walker Wheeler, a UAF Office of Information Technology employee, has already started using the service to launch his program, Blackboard Course Stacker®. Wheeler noticed managing multiple course sections in Blackboard was difficult for instructors. Blackboard is an online learning environment and course management system used by UAF faculty and students. The instructor either has to send out repetitive communications to each class section or contact the Blackboard Administrator to combine courses. Wheeler’s software helps faculty manage multiple sections of their courses without contacting an administrator and reduces the amount of time it takes them to do these administrative tasks. “Other institutions need this, and I think this program will help both the University and myself,” said Wheeler.

The software is available for download online with initial support and periodic updates for no additional cost on the web at nanookinnovation.org or tiny.cc/coursestacker

ArcticFire Development Corporation
Unmanned Aircraft

Two UAF inventors have launched a company to make unmanned aircraft easier to fly. As founder Rayjan Wilson puts it, “we want to make flying unmanned aircraft as routine as using a mobile phone app.” The two founders of ArcticFire, Bruce Crevensten and Rayjan Wilson, incorporated the business this past January and collaborated with the University’s Office of Intellectual Property and Commercialization (OIPC) to move their invention from research into full-scale commercial development.

In the past year, the inventors reported more than 800 hours of flight time with unmanned aircraft all while building a ground control station that works with any web-based device - laptop, cell phone, tablet, or desktop computer - to fly and operate an unmanned aircraft system.

“We want to make flying unmanned aircraft boring,” says founder Bruce Crevensten. “Flying missions can be tough and these vehicles can be difficult to program. Too many pilots are asking, where is the fly button?” ArcticFire expects to have products available for purchase in late August 2014. Check them out online at www.flyroutinely.com

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