# WASHINGTON Clean Energy Testbeds

University of Washington Clean Energy Institute

### Accelerating the Path from Clean Energy Research to Industry Innovation



## Clean Energy Institute Mission Statement

Universities push research frontiers

Industry makes new technologies commercially viable





Founded in 2013, CEI is accelerating the adoption of a scalable clean energy future by advancing next-generation **solar energy and battery materials and devices**, as well as their integration with **systems and the grid**.



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### **Clean Energy: A State Investment Imperative**



"This is the right thing to do for the future of our children and health of our planet..."

- Governor Jay Inslee



# Washington Clean Energy Testbeds

### \$8M was allocated to University of Washington in FY 15-17

The Washington Clean Energy Testbeds located in the Bowman Building will provide fee-for-use facilities with state-of-the-art fabrication, characterization, and computational capabilities. Researchers from UW and industry will also have access to offices and meeting spaces, where they can work and collaborate.





# **Clean Energy Testbed Development**





# **Research Training**

Provide an integrative training environment for upper-division undergrads and grad students that helps them understand energy materials, devices, and systems. "From molecules to miles"







# **Scale-Up & Characterization**

Translate, develop, prototype and test energy devices and manufacturing processes at the scale required for commercial use



### **Device Demo Scale**



### **Manufacture Scale**







### Lab Scale

## **Scale-Up & Characterization**



- Roll-to-roll printer
- Sheet coater
- High precision screen printer
- High resolution 3D printer

- Photovoltaic Testing
- Battery and Electronic Testing
- Spectroscopic Materials Analysis
- Morphological analysis



## **Systems Integration**

Campus Control Center manages real-time digital simulator, battery energy storage system, and grid interaction





UW as a Testbed

- PV installations on campus
- Smart meter data

**Real Time Digital Simulator** 

- Model developmental grid
- Integrated computing, energy storage, and simulation

Battery Energy Storage System

- 40kWh, 30kW bidirectional
- Test battery management limits
- Provide storage for simulations



## **User Profiles**

300+ users

- UW users from across the science and engineering departments
- 40 companies, including start-ups, mid-size companies, and Microsoft



# **Fostering Our PNW Ecosystem**

Current WCET programs:

Entrepreneur-in-Residence: Ram Krishnan, CTO of NantEnergy

Investor-in-Residence: Jeff Canin, Fund Manager at E8 Angels

Lunch & Learn series

Involved in a robust network of organizations supporting entrepreneurship and innovation: CleanTech Alliance, Solar WA, E8, WA Dept. of Commerce, PNNL





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# **Entrepreneur in Residence**



Ramkumar Krishnan, Ph.D. CTO, NantEnergy Available weekly for free consultation Advice on:

- Team building
- Market research
- Channel, manufacturing, and strategic partnerships
- Fundraising

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# **Investor in Residence**



Jeff Canin

Board Member At-Large, E8

Monthly topical lunch-and-learns and office hours

Advice on:

- Fundraising
- Product value propositions
- Intellectual property
- Grant proposals
- Investor pitches



### **Questions?**

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