

Mentoring with Northwest Innovation Resource Center (NWIRC)

This activity is coordinated and hosted by NWIRC, an organization that has been assisting entrepreneurs in NW Washington for over a decade. NWIRC is seeking mentors from BLN-R to work with inventors, either virtually or in their lab environment, to help transform the inventors' ideas into a successful business.

The 2020 Amazon Catalyst Competition, which ran from June - July of this year, provides excellent examples of the types of problems these entrepreneurs are tackling. The following link will exhibit this competition along with video interviews. <https://competition.nwirc.com/>

In addition to helping start-ups, the NWIRC is launching a new activity, *Project Reinvent*. This project will provide an opportunity for dislocated workers to share their extensive knowledge and skill to improve the success level of these new start-ups as well as explore entrepreneurial opportunities for the dislocated workers.

NWIRC is seeking volunteers who can work with the entrepreneurs and provide technical, project management and business support in developing their inventions.

If you are interested in volunteering to support an entrepreneur, or would like to learn more about the NWIRC, please contact John Monroe jamonroe@msn.com or Geary Long (geary.long@gmail.com). More information about the NWIRC can also be found at <https://nwirc.com>.