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Cool Technologies: QoLT Foundry Speeds Commercialization

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A Virtual Valet that parks and retrieves your car remotely via phone or other mobile device sounds like science fiction, but it may be the next new technology to hit the marketplace from The Quality of Life Technology (QoLT) Foundry.

“I often tell people that I have one of the coolest jobs possible,” said Curt Stone, executive in residence for Carnegie Mellon’s Office of the Vice President for Research and director of the QoLT Foundry. “Our objective is to encourage and develop spin-off companies that can serve to establish the Quality of Life Technology Center as the hub of an emerging industry sector in intelligent health care devices and personal robotics.”

The QoLT Foundry is the industry arm of the QoLT Center, a National Science Foundation Engineering Research Center jointly run by CMU and the University of Pittsburgh. While the QoLT Center focuses on developing intelligent systems that enable older adults and people with

disabilities to live more independently, the QoLT

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