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BME researchers refine nerve cuff technology that activates paralyzed lower limbs.

A team of researchers at Case Western Reserve University and the Louis Stokes Cleveland Department of Veterans Affairs won a \$2.6-million grant from the National Institutes of Health to develop nerve cuff technology that will allow people paralyzed by spinal cord injuries to stand and take steps.

The high-resolution nerve cuff electrodes are fitted around the actual nerves themselves, and have multiple contact points for activating individual fascicles within the nerve. The cuff is made from a very thin layer of biocompatible plastic, so it's flexible enough to bend and move with the nerve as the hips, knees or ankles bend and straighten.

Dustin Tyler, associate professor of biomedical engineering, and Ronald Triolo, professor of orthopaedics and biomedical engineering, are leading the effort. They will use the funding to put the device to the test in its first in-human clinical application.

Learn more at engineering.case.edu/CWRU-VA-nerve-cuff-electrodes.



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HIGHLIGHTED AT FIRST NATIONAL MAKER FAIRE

White House announces fall groundbreaking for expanded think[box] innovation center.

President Obama declared June 18 the National Day of Making, and the White House tapped Case Western Reserve University to be part of the celebration.

Along with Carnegie Mellon University and eight other universities, Case Western Reserve co-lead an effort to bring together more than 150 leaders in higher education to join the president's initiative to help develop a "Nation of Makers" by committing to a wide range of activities in support of makers on campus, from the opening of public innovation spaces to the development of scholarships specifically for student makers.

Case School of Engineering Dean Jeffrey L. Duerk and Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives Lisa Camp personally attended the National Maker Faire held at the White House, and, back in Cleveland, Case Western Reserve marked the day by joining the region's other top makerspaces in hosting events celebrating maker culture.

The White House also shared some exciting news for the maker community—announcing the fall groundbreaking for the first phase of Case Western Reserve's expanded think[box] facility—a seven-story, 50,000-square-foot innovation hub designed to give visitors the space, technology and expert advice to imagine, prototype and transform their creations into actual products.

Learn more at engineering.cae.edu/National-Maker-Faire.

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