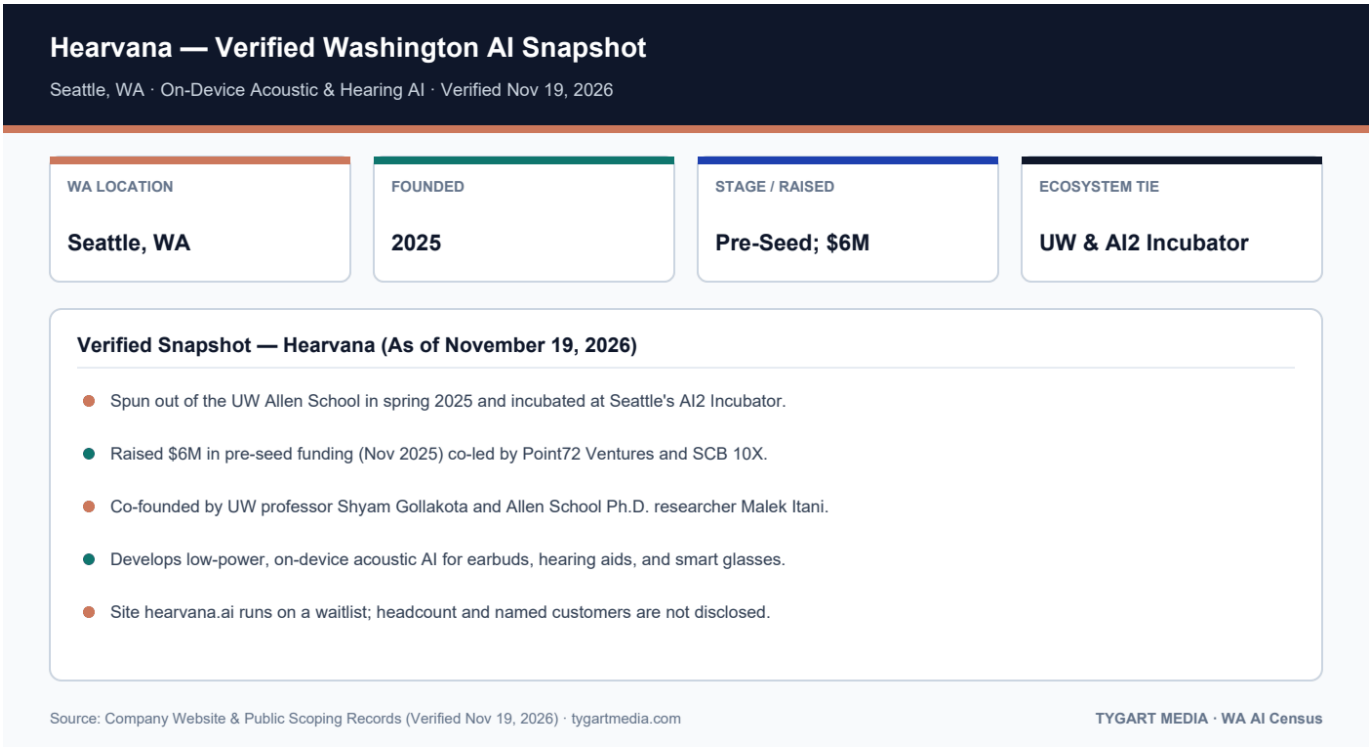
Hearvana: Seattle AI Profile — Product, Footprint & Verified Record

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Verified Record Summary: As of November 19, 2026, Hearvana operates a waitlist website at hearvana.ai and remains listed as an active, unacquired portfolio company at Seattle's AI2 Incubator. Spun out of the University of Washington in spring 2025 with $6M in pre-seed funding reported by GeekWire in November 2025, the company has not publicly announced named commercial customers or a subsequent funding round.



Field	Verified Record (As of Nov 19, 2026)
Company	Hearvana (Hearvana AI)
Official Website	https://www.hearvana.ai/
Washington HQ	Seattle, WA
Other WA Footprint	University of Washington Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science & Engineering (Mobile Intelligence Lab); AI2 Incubator / AI House (Seattle, WA)
Founded	2025 (launched spring 2025 per GeekWire)
Founders / Leadership	Shyam Gollakota (Co-Founder), Malek Itani (Co-Founder); investor Ascend also lists UW Ph.D. researcher Tuochao Chen as a co-founder
Stage	Pre-Seed
Announced Funding	$6M Pre-Seed (Nov 2025; co-led by Point72 Ventures and SCB 10X, with AI2 Incubator, Amazon Alexa Fund, Ascend, Pack Ventures, and others)
Team Size	Not publicly disclosed
Primary Ecosystem Ties	University of Washington Allen School spinout; AI2 Incubator / AI House; Ascend; Pack Ventures; Amazon Alexa Fund; GeekWire coverage (Nov 2025)

What Hearvana Builds

Hearvana builds on-device AI acoustic and sound-enhancement software designed to process and interpret audio in real time without relying on heavy cloud compute or high power consumption. Described on its official website as building "a new layer of acoustic intelligence" for humans and machines, the startup commercializes years of audio-sensing research developed at the University of Washington.

In GeekWire's November 5, 2025 coverage, co-founder Shyam Gollakota described Hearvana's platform as real-time, on-device audio augmentation and comprehension intended for earbuds, hearing aids, smart glasses, smartphones, and voice-driven AI assistants. The technology builds on prior UW research into an AI headphone prototype that created an acoustic "sound bubble" in noisy environments by learning the distance of each sound source in a room, allowing devices to isolate desired speech, filter background noise, and interpret context locally.

Washington Footprint and Leadership

Hearvana is rooted in Seattle's university-to-startup pipeline. Launched in spring 2025 out of the **University of Washington's Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science & Engineering** (specifically its Mobile Intelligence Lab), the company is incubated at Seattle's **AI2 Incubator** and appears as an active, unacquired portfolio company on the AI House directory, which summarizes Hearvana as "building the next-gen audio and hearing technology."

GeekWire's November 2025 report names two co-founders: **Shyam Gollakota**, a UW Allen School professor and head of the Mobile Intelligence Lab who previously co-founded UW breathing-monitor spinout Sound Life Sciences (acquired by Google in 2022) and smartphone ear-infection diagnostic startup Wavely Diagnostics, and **Malek Itani**, an Allen School Ph.D. student and research assistant who previously interned on smart glasses at Meta and co-developed the UW "sound bubble" headphone prototype. Investor disclosures from backer Ascend have also listed UW Ph.D. audio AI researcher Tuochao Chen as a co-founder. Hearvana's current team size is not publicly disclosed.

Products, Users, and Public Traction

Hearvana's stated target market spans device manufacturers and developers building earbuds, hearing aids, smart glasses, smartphones, and voice-driven AI assistants, along with end users seeking clearer listening in crowded spaces. As of November 19, 2026, Hearvana's public presence at hearvana.ai remains a concise waitlist landing page linking to a blog, jobs, and contact form, with no public SDK documentation, hardware specifications, or self-serve pricing published.

Named commercial customers, hardware OEM licensing agreements, clinical clearances, and revenue figures are not publicly disclosed. Through November 2026, the company's public record reflects early research commercialization and pre-launch hiring rather than announced mass-market product shipments.

Funding, Stage, and Place in Washington's AI Landscape

Hearvana is at the pre-seed stage. On November 5, 2025, GeekWire reported (following initial reporting by Axios) that Hearvana raised **$6M** in pre-seed funding co-led by **Point72 Ventures** and **SCB 10X**. The syndicate also included **AI2 Incubator**, **SBI US Gateway Fund**, **Forston VC**, **Ascend**, **J4 Ventures**, **Pack Ventures**, **Moai Capital**, and the **Amazon Alexa Fund**. No subsequent financing round or acquisition has been announced through November 2026.

Within Washington's AI ecosystem, Hearvana exemplifies the UW Allen School and AI2 Incubator track translating edge signal-processing research into venture-backed companies—alongside local peers building physiological edge-sensing models, frontline voice analytics, and low-latency conversational audio-visual foundation models. Having both Seattle-area venture funds (AI2 Incubator, Ascend, Pack Ventures) and corporate strategic participation (Amazon Alexa Fund) ties Hearvana directly to the region's consumer-device and voice-AI corridor.

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