


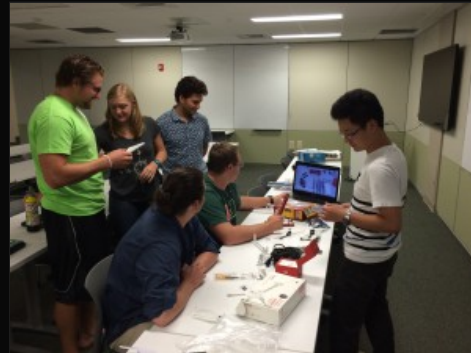


## 📷 Drone Workshop a Hit

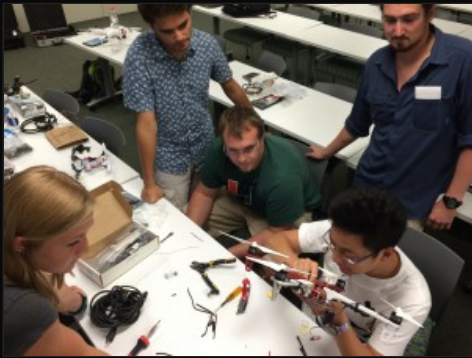


This past semester students in the Exploration Science Technology and Media class were treated to a one day AUV (autonomous unmanned vehicle a.k.a \_ drones) workshop held at UM's Abess Center. The workshop leader was Benoit Duvernueil, who has been using AUVs and ROVs for his work in South America looking for archaeological sites in the western Amazon rainforest. Benoit is a technology startup entrepreneur and brought his expertise to some of the students in the class. After giving a nice overview of AUVs including some of the FAA laws, the students had a chance to test fly micro drones to get a feel for how these systems work in addition to using a very realistic flight simulator. They were also given the opportunity to build an DIY drone modeled after the popular DJI Phantom drones. In addition, Benoit brought a number of references, tools, and other drone and ROV systems to the workshop so students could get a first hand look at this technology. While this was just a one day workshop, next year, the plan is to have a more comprehensive 3 day workshop that will include some field time with this technology.

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