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MISUMI Group Inc.

## **Applications Open for FY2017 MISUMI Student Manufacturing Support**

~A wider range of groups now eligible for support,  
and a wider range of products now available~

MISUMI Group Inc. (Head Office: Bunkyo ward, Tokyo; Representative Director, President and CEO, Ryusei Ono) will again implement its MISUMI Student Manufacturing Support program this year. Forming part of the company's CSR activities, through this program MISUMI provides company products free of charge to students who are at the vanguard of the next generation of manufacturing. This year, MISUMI has expanded both the range of groups eligible for support and the products available to them, and applications are set to open on October 30, 2017.

### **【Overview of MISUMI Student Manufacturing Support】**

Since 2008, the MISUMI Group has supported approximately 1,300 student groups through its MISUMI Student Manufacturing Support program, providing them with company products free of charge. Last year, MISUMI supported a record 201 groups.

MISUMI invites applications from a wide range of interested applicants, including those from universities (graduate schools), community colleges, technical schools, vocational schools and high schools, and provides company products based on the motivation and interest they express for manufacturing and contests. Using the MISUMI-VONA website, students can select and order products from MISUMI's abundant product lineup in the same way as company customers.

An overview of this year's expanded support program is given below.

### **◎The range of products available to students has been expanded**

Until last year, student groups were limited to choosing MISUMI-branded products. This year, however, in addition to MISUMI-branded products, student groups can choose from among all products handled by MISUMI. This includes products from some 3,000 other manufacturers.

\*Some products were excluded.

### **◎Application requirements have been revised, and the range of eligible groups has been expanded**

Until last year, applicants were required to be "student groups that participate in competitive events." From this year, however, this requirement has been revised to "student groups that engage in

manufacturing.” Consequently, in addition to groups that participate in competitive events, groups that exhibit at events or engage in graduation research, course projects, independent research and other activities are also eligible to receive support.

### **【Application guidelines】**

#### **■ Overview of Support**

MISUMI provides each group with company products worth up to 50,000 yen. Products can be ordered from MISUMI’s e-commerce website, MISUMI-VONA: <https://jp.misumi-ec.com/>

#### **■ Application requirements**

Groups are required to satisfy the following conditions:

1. Groups must belong to a university (graduate school), community college, technical school, vocational school or high school; student groups and research groups, etc. must be supervised by a member of staff of the university (graduate school), community college, technical school, vocational school or high school in question.
2. Groups must be engaged in some form of manufacturing.  
For example, groups must participate in competitive events, exhibit at events, or be engaged in graduation research, course projects or independent research, etc.
3. After receiving MISUMI support products, groups must be willing to cooperate with reports, questionnaires, interviews, surveys and other activities.
4. Groups must be willing to attach a designated MISUMI logo sticker on the machines, etc. they created (only in those cases where attaching stickers is possible).

#### **■ Application dates and method**

- Application period: October 30, 2017 to November 30, 2017
- Notification of selection results: the end of December 2017
- Provision of support products: mid-January to the end of February 2017
- Application method: Groups can apply using the application form on the MISUMI Student Manufacturing Support website

#### **■ MISUMI Student Manufacturing Support website**

<https://jp.misumi-ec.com/st-project/guideline.html/>

#### **■ Selection criteria**

Selection will be based on the content of the submitted application forms, and focus on the criteria outlined below:

- Applicants have curiosity and passion for manufacturing
- Applicants demonstrate a challenging spirit, such as engaging in new technologies
- Applicants have a desire to contribute to the future of manufacturing
- Applicants are engaged in unprecedented and unique activities

**【MISUMI Group initiatives】**

Besides implementing the Student Manufacturing Support program, the MISUMI Group is the main sponsor of ROBO-ONE, a competitive battling tournament for biped robots.

The MISUMI Group supports those with a passion for manufacturing.



The University of Tokyo and Honda Technical College Kanto, one of the groups supported by the program in FY2016. Team Wakatake's 2017 project to participate in a historic car rally overseas

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