

The future field of industrial 3D printing

Incubator XPRENEURS launches track for additive manufacturing

- UnternehmerTUM increasingly promoting start-ups in the field of industrial 3D printing (“additive manufacturing”)
- Teams have access to an excellent network of technology providers and users in this sector
- Up to 5,000 euros’ worth of prototype support per team, as well as access to the MakerSpace high-tech workshop

Garching/Munich, 08.01.2018. The future field of additive manufacturing is now an integral part of the UnternehmerTUM incubator XPRENEURS. Start-ups working in this area will receive special support as part of the three-month incubator programme. Benefiting from a strong network of technology providers and users in the additive manufacturing industry, they have access to the MakerSpace high-tech workshop as well as to individual coaching from experts and consultants in the fields of industrial 3D printing and digital production. With this support, the teams prepare their business ideas for market entry.

3D printing: the future of industry

Michelin is planning a vacuum car tyre from the 3D printer, Airbus wants to print aircraft parts made of titanium, and BMW is using 3D-printed components in series production. Wherever conventional production reaches its limits, additive manufacturing comes

into play. Materials that can otherwise hardly be machined, such as titanium, can now be shaped as desired; complex structures, designs and geometries can be processed into extremely light and stable components; and prototypes and test parts can be produced quickly and inexpensively.

Ready for the market in just three months

With the new *Additive Manufacturing Track*, industrial 3D printing, the key manufacturing technology of the future, is being integrated into the XPRENEURS programme. The aim is to turn highly promising technology startups into sustainable and scalable businesses. Within three months, the teams drive their business ideas for the sectors relevant to industrial 3D printing: Smart City, Mobility, Industry 4.0, IoT, Smart Enterprise, Medtech and B2B Software & Hardware.

Individual coaching by founders and experts

In the *Additive Manufacturing Track* from XPRENEURS, UnternehmerTUM supports teams developing innovative business ideas in the industrial 3D printing sector – these range from software solutions in component design to 3D print job management, all the way to series applications for industrial 3D production. XPRENEURS provides each team with a business coach who has many years of experience in the additive manufacturing sector.

A powerful network in the 3D printing sector

The start-ups benefit from a powerful network made up of technology providers and users. They include providers such as Autodesk, SAP, EOS, Trumpf, GE, voxeljet, BigRep, 3D Systems, Formlabs, Altana and Oerlikon, as well as such industry giants as BMW, Bosch, Airbus, Siemens, MAN, Adidas and Linde.

Further information and application: www.xpreneurs.io

XPRENEURS is UnternehmerTUM's 3-month full time incubation program which supports exceptional start-up teams turn technology driven business ideas into scalable companies.

Important dates

28th January 2018: Application deadline for Batch #3

19th March 2018: Official start for Batch #3

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UnternehmerTUM

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UnternehmerTUM offers founders and startups a complete service from the initial idea to IPO. A team of experienced entrepreneurs, scientists, managers and investors supports founders with the development of their products, services and business models. The experts accompany them actively with building up their companies, market entry and financing – also via Venture Capital. The incubator XPRENEURS supports high-tech teams in early stage business model development. The accelerator programme TechFounders coaches technology startups over a period of 20 weeks up to an initial venture round, and paves the way for joint ventures with established companies. For industry partners, UnternehmerTUM is a unique platform for cooperation with new companies, and for expansion of their innovative strength and culture. UnternehmerTUM is Digital Hub Mobility in the Digital Hub Initiative by the Federal Government. Covering 1500 square metres, 'MakerSpace', Europe's largest publicly accessible high-tech workshop, enables companies, startups and creatives to produce prototypes and small batches using state-of-the-art machines such as large 3D printers. UnternehmerTUM was founded in 2002 by the entrepreneur Susanne Klatten. With more than 50 high-growth technology start-ups each year and its unique offering, it is the leading center for business creation in Germany.

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