

Global Applications for the Stanley+Techstars Additive Manufacturing Accelerator are Now Open!

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HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 5, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Stanley Black & Decker (NYSE: SWK) and Techstars today announced that the application period for the Stanley+Techstars Additive Manufacturing Accelerator is now open.

Last month, Stanley Black & Decker and Techstars, one of the world's best startup accelerators, announced the formation of a three-year partnership and the launch of the Stanley+Techstars Additive Manufacturing Accelerator in Hartford. This mentorship-driven, entrepreneurial accelerator program will select 10 startups in the additive manufacturing space to participate in its first year.

The Stanley+Techstars Additive Manufacturing Accelerator will focus on additive manufacturing, which includes technologies that build 3D objects by adding layer-upon-layer of material. The materials range from plastics and metals to concrete, among others. The technologies may include 3D printing, rapid prototyping, direct digital manufacturing, layered manufacturing and additive fabrication. The applications of additive manufacturing are endless.

Applications will be open until April 8, 2018, and the program will run in the third quarter of 2018. Similar programs will be run in 2019 and 2020, with 30 potential startups completing the process.

Startups will co-locate with Stanley Black & Decker's new Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence – Manufactory 4.0 – in Hartford, CT, and have access to mentoring and resources to grow their ideas into viable businesses and bring new technologies to market.

Visit <https://www.techstars.com/programs/additive-manufacturing-program/> to apply. More information about the application process can be found here: <http://apptoolkit.techstars.com>.

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