

Dassault Systèmes Empowers Entrepreneurs and Startups with New SOLIDWORKS for Entrepreneurs Program

No-Cost Licenses to Leading 3D Design Software Help Drive Innovation and Bring New Products to Market

WALTHAM, MA — July 23, 2015 — [Dassault Systèmes](#) (Euronext Paris: #13065, DSY.PA), the 3DEXPERIENCE Company, world leader in 3D design software, 3D Digital Mock Up and Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) solutions, today announced the launch of the [SOLIDWORKS for Entrepreneurs Program](#) that will give early-stage businesses access to a complete license of the powerful 3D design applications that help millions of engineers and designers succeed through innovation. Powered by Dassault Systèmes' 3DEXPERIENCE platform, SOLIDWORKS applications deliver an intuitive experience in product design, simulation, publishing, data management and environmental impact assessment that accelerate design and manufacturing processes, while saving production time and costs.

By using SOLIDWORKS for their industrial design and manufacturing processes, entrepreneurs and incubators now have access to the most complete 3D solution, enabling them to innovate quickly. They can decrease time to market while collaborating easily with colleagues, vendors and customers due to a worldwide network consisting of millions of users. Early-stage businesses can now leverage the same capabilities to accelerate the concept-to-prototype process that has been used by MakerBot and [GRIT](#).

"Today's Maker Movement is helping quickly convert concepts from independent engineers and designers into innovative, successful small businesses," said Gian Paolo Bassi, CEO, SOLIDWORKS, Dassault Systèmes. "The next generation of entrepreneur needs the proper business and product design and development tools to grow. The SOLIDWORKS for Entrepreneurs Program demonstrates our commitment to helping engineers bring their innovations and design concepts to reality by providing SOLIDWORKS' full suite of capabilities to easily design and manufacture products quickly."

Dassault Systèmes has long provided SOLIDWORKS applications to a variety of startups and incubators in North America, such as [MassChallenge](#), [Diagnostics for All](#), [Super Pedestrian](#) and [Design that Matters](#). Dassault Systèmes has also recently provided SOLIDWORKS applications to several female-led entrepreneurial ventures including [GoldieBlox](#), [Nomiku](#), [Greentown Labs](#) and Roominate. Now the program is formalized, enabling entrepreneurs from around the world to apply for the software.

To submit an application, go to [the program site](#). An application fee of \$200 is required, of which 80 percent goes to support the Rwanda High School Girls Scholarship Program that funds educational initiatives for female students at the [ETO Gitarama/Nyanza Technical School](#).

In addition to providing access to a software license of SOLIDWORKS, the program also offers potential co-marketing opportunities.

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