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Ontario FIRST® Robotics Canada teams on their way to World Championships with help from Siemens

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\$20,000 in grants to 10 Ontario teams will subsidize costs to St. Louis, Missouri

Approximately sixty FIRST Robotics Canada teams battled their robots this past weekend at the Ontario Robotics Championship in Mississauga, in the hopes of securing entry to the annual World Championships to be held in St. Louis, Missouri in late April. Siemens Canada is supporting 10 of those qualifying teams in making the trip to the Championship by way of grants totaling \$20,000 to help subsidize competition costs.

In addition to the grants, Siemens Canada also commits \$30,000 annually to sponsor five high school robotics teams in Ontario and one in Québec. Siemens volunteer mentors from a variety of disciplines support the teams. In 2017, Siemens employees volunteered as judges at 12 FIRST Robotics competitions across Canada.



"By supporting these inspiring students financially and through mentoring, Siemens Canada is proud to empower and enable the young people who will shape Canada's future," said Joris Myny, SVP, Digital Factory and Process Industries & Drives, Siemens Canada.

FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) is an intense STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) challenge for high school students. Within strict rules and with limited resources and time limits, teams of 25 students or more raise funds, design a team brand, hone teamwork skills, and build and program robots to perform prescribed tasks against a field of competitors. Built from scratch in only six weeks, the robots compete in a series of high intensity "robot-sports" at competitions across Canada.

"FIRST Robotics Canada is grateful for this team funding from Siemens Canada," says Mark Breadner, President of FIRST Robotics Canada. "Teams are in great need of support to participate on the world stage so we're absolutely thrilled that these grants will help them compete at one of the biggest robotics competitions in the world."

For the 2017 competition challenge, FIRST STEAMWORKS, students had only six weeks to develop custom, 120-pound robots that collect fuel, install gears, and climb structures to accumulate points. View the STEAMWORKS competition video [HERE](#).

These FIRST Robotics Canada Ontario teams will receive grants from Siemens Canada**:

5024 - Raider Robotics, H.B. Secondary School – London

5036 - The Robo Devils, Sir Wilfred Laurier Collegiate Institute – Scarborough

5406 - Celt-X, Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School – Hamilton

5885 - Villanova WiredCats, St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic Secondary School – LaSalle

6009 - Cyberheart, Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School – Etobicoke

6331 - Sabotage, École secondaire l'Essor – Windsor

6336 - Javawockies, Community team – Springwater

6378 - LYNX, Stephen Lewis High School – Mississauga

6387 - Discobot, Community team – Brampton

6481 - Deus ex Machina, North Middlesex District High School – Parkhill

For more information on FIRST Robotics please visit: firstroboticscanada.org.

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** Grants to be disbursed by FIRST Robotics Canada pending official enrollment by each team in the St. Louis competition.

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