



OMRON Establishes Engineering Scholarship at University of California-Merced

OMRON Foundation, the charitable arm of global technology company OMRON in the United States, establishes Engineering Scholarship at University of California-Merced, it's 13th STEM scholarship at colleges and universities across the US.

Hoffman Estates, IL., October 29, 2021 – OMRON Foundation, Inc. and the University of California at Merced have established the “OMRON Engineering Endowed Scholarship”, a merit-based scholarship to help students studying engineering more easily pursue their academic career.

The University of California-Merced, is one of the newest in the California university system. UC Merced’s Fall 2021 incoming class represents an extraordinary group of students, whose hard work and perseverance resulted in record-breaking admissions offers at the university. UC Merced’s transfer-student admission grew by 48.4 percent compared with last year, while the number of native Californian first-year students increased by nearly 10 percent. UC Merced also had the highest percentage of first-generation resident freshmen admissions among all the University of California campuses.



In addition to the scholarship, the University will be working with nearby OMRON Robotics and Safety Technologies, Inc. in Pleasanton, California. OMRON Robotics is a global leader in intelligent robotics systems with the most advanced portfolio of traditional industrial arms, lightweight collaborative arms, and autonomous mobile robots in the market. OMRON Robotics will be sharing expertise with students during visits to OMRON robotics laboratories, sharing state of the art equipment on which students can learn, and sponsoring senior design projects.

Students applying for the OMRON Engineering Endowed Scholarship must be full-time, have junior or senior status, be studying Mechanical Engineering or Computer Science with a Robotics or Robotics Software focus, and must have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Applicants must submit an essay responding to the following prompt: **“OMRON’s mission as a company is *“To improve lives and contribute to a better society.”* How do you plan to improve lives and contribute to a better society as an engineer?”**

OMRON Engineering Endowed Scholarships will be awarded through the School of Engineering Scholarship Committee with the assistance of the Financial Aid Office without regard to a student's race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender or age. Scholarship awards may be used toward education related expenses associated with the recipient's cost of attendance. This is the thirteenth endowed scholarship established by the OMRON Foundation and the first established in the state of California.

OMRON endowed scholarships are in place at the following colleges and universities: Augustana College, Illinois Institute of Technology, Kettering University, Northern Illinois University, Northwestern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University, University of Houston, University of Illinois at Champaign, Illinois State University, University of Michigan-Dearborn, North Central College and William Rainey Harper College. For more information on OMRON Foundation's educational initiatives, please visit [Education | Omron Foundation, Inc. Omron scholarships](#).

About OMRON Foundation, Inc.

Founded in 1989, OMRON Foundation, Inc. (OFI) coordinates the charitable efforts of OMRON offices in the U.S. to achieve the greatest positive social impact. The Foundation is funded by OMRON's subsidiaries in the U.S., which contribute a portion of sales revenue to the Foundation. The Foundation divides its charitable resources among organizations benefiting education, people with disabilities, cultural programs, health, and other social concerns including disaster relief.

About OMRON Corporation

OMRON Corporation is a global leader in the field of automation based on its core technology of "Sensing & Control + Think". OMRON's business fields cover a broad spectrum, ranging from industrial automation and electronic components to automotive electronic components, social infrastructure systems, healthcare, and environmental solutions. Established in 1933, OMRON has over 35,000 employees worldwide, working to provide products and services in 117 countries. In the field of industrial automation, OMRON supports manufacturing innovation by providing advanced automation technologies and products, as well as through extensive customer support, in order to help create a better society. For more information, visit OMRON's website at: <https://www.omron.com/>

About OMRON Robotics and Safety Technologies, Inc.

In October 2015, OMRON Corporation acquired Adept Technology Inc., a U.S. based leader in robotics, as part of OMRON's acceleration of its "Complete Automation Solution" strategy for its Industrial Automation Business, which provides automation solutions for the manufacturing industries. In 2019, OMRON Robotics and Safety Technologies was formed as a merger of OMRON's safety and robotics businesses to provide comprehensive solutions for automation and safety. The company aims to contribute to realizing a new manufacturing environment where people and robots work safely in harmony.

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