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AIST FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW US\$10,000 ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING GRANT

PITTSBURGH, 28 October 2015 — The [AIST Foundation](#) recently announced its newest grant, the [Electrical Engineering Grant \(EEG\)](#), to encourage university teams (students and professors) to submit proposals relating to an electrical challenge within the steel manufacturing industry.

The objective of the EEG is to introduce the steel industry to university electrical engineering students and professors; to boost the number of electrical engineering students selecting to pursue careers in the iron and steel industry upon graduation; and to support professors in promoting the industry to their students.

A one-year award of US\$10,000 will be granted to qualified university professors in the beginning of September 2016. The student team will be encouraged to present their completed project at an AIST event, and a final report will be included in the AIST technical journal, *Iron & Steel Technology*.

Proposals for the EEG will be accepted between 1 December 2015 and 30 June 2016.

Steven S. Hansen, vice president and chief technical officer, SSAB Americas, and current AIST Foundation president said, "While it has been gratifying to see the increasing number of AIST scholarship applications from mechanical engineering, metallurgy and materials science students, there has been markedly less interest from electrical engineering undergraduates. Electrical engineers are vital to the future success of the steel industry. This new program is intended to heighten the profile of the industry and its career opportunities with electrical engineering faculty and students."

The AIST Foundation is a Pennsylvania-based 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation organized for charitable, education and scientific purposes to attract technology-oriented professionals to the steel industry by educating the public about the high-tech, diverse and rewarding nature of careers in steel manufacturing. Through a variety of programs, the AIST Foundation awards more than US\$700,000 annually in programs and grants to students, instructors and schools to ensure the iron and steel industry of tomorrow will have a sufficient number of qualified professionals.

The AIST Foundation is part of the Association for Iron & Steel Technology, an international technical association representing more than 17,500 professional and student members from 70 countries. For more information about the AIST Foundation, visit [AISTFoundation.org](#).

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