Open Internship Project
Miniature sensing unit for an accurate miniature tool positioning robot

BIROMED-Lab
Department of Biomedical Engineering

The Bio-Inspired RObots for MEDicine-Laboratory (BIROMED-Lab) at the Department of Biomedical Engineering (DBE) at the University of Basel offers an exciting, multidisciplinary, and applied learning- and research environment. Our research is interdisciplinary and organized in close collaboration with clinicians and industrial partners.

Project background:
You will join the BIROMED-Lab performing medical robotics and mechatronics research under the lead of Prof. Dr. Georg Rauter. You will be part of the team for the project Minimally-Invasive Robot-Assisted Computer-guided LaserosteotomE (MIRACLE). In this project we aim to develop a robotic device for minimally-invasive interventions, on hard tissue with lasers and therefore require a precise positioning device: innovative technology previously developed at the BIROMED-Lab.

Project description:
You develop a miniature sensing unit that allows sensing the absolute position of the prismatic actuator on the miniature robot. The main challenge will be to design this sensing unit such that it will fit into the small space of the miniature robot. To ensure that the sensing unit you develop fits into the miniature robot, you will collaborate closely with the other project members and be part of a bigger team working on this robotic device. Your tasks will include:

- Analyzing the requirements for this miniature position sensing unit
- Conducting literature research about which principles and sensors are feasible for realization
- Selection of the most promising principles and design a prototype of the sensing unit
- Production and commissioning of the prototype
- Evaluation of the performance of the developed prototype according to the specified requirements

Start date: June 2024 or upon agreement. You will work at the Department for Biomedical Engineering (DBE) located in the new SIP Basel Area main campus, an exciting and modern working environment in which various research groups of the DBE are located.

Your profile:

- You are pursuing a bachelor’s or master’s degree in mechanical engineering or a closely related discipline
- You have solid basics in mechanics or electronics
- You have experience in mechatronics
- You are a hands-on person who likes to work with hardware
- You are curious, motivated and self-driven
- You want to work in and contribute to an interdisciplinary and applied research environment

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- CV
- Diplomas and course transcripts

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