

## Summer Program 2015 (MIT)

*Engineering functional, stylish  
apparel for people with disabilities*



### WHAT

Open Style Lab (OSL) will be running an intense 10-week, multidisciplinary summer program at MIT. 24 participants from Engineering, Design, and Occupational/ Physical Therapy will be teamed to create a clothing solution with and for a client with disabilities. Dates are Friday, Jun 12, and every Saturday from June 13 - August 15, 2015.

### WHY

Finding clothing that fits, and dressing independently is a daily challenge for people with disabilities. This difficulty poses a subtle, but definite barrier between the disability population and everyday social scenes. We want to increase the social participation of people with disabilities by creating innovative accessible apparel by merging design and engineering.

### HOW

Teams will receive \$500 to develop their product. We employ rapid prototyping techniques and a user-centered design approach. Noted guest lectures and mentors will introduce concepts in disability, wearable technology, and fashion design.

### WHERE

MIT International Design Center! A maker's dream, equipped with 3D printers, laser cutters, CNC mills, soldering stations combined with OSL's sewing machines, sergers and open-source knitting machine (coming soon...)

### WHO

Open Style Lab is a non-profit organization that launched its first educational program at MIT in 2014! Highlights included the opportunity to prototype with UnderArmour's new favorite zipper – Magzips, trying on the Age Gain Now Empathy Suit (AGNES) suit at MIT Age Lab and mentorship from industry professionals (e.g. Ximedica, Eileen Fisher, Spaulding Rehabilitation Network). Students presented to over 400 people at the Museum of Science, Boston. We also won Bostinno's 50 on Fire design category in 2014, and presented at 2014 Fall New York Fashion Week!

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