Autonomous Mobile Robot Research and Development Engineer / Technologist

ABB Inc., in Auburn Hills, MI is seeking an Autonomous Mobile Robot Research and Development Engineer/Technologist, to join our Discrete Automation and Motion team, the first major global industrial robotics manufacturer to produce robots in the United States. ABB is the leading supplier of industrial robots, modular manufacturing systems and service and has installed more than 250,000 robots worldwide.

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Tasks

The Research and Development Engineering comprises the investigation, evaluation and potential application to product and / or process development. Responsible for the functional design and technical development of autonomous mobile robotic systems, providing expertise and design for the mechanical, controls, software, and robotics engineers. Plan, conduct or coordinate a range of complex engineering activities encompassing one or more engineering disciplines. Conduct or coordinate complex analyses and develop recommendations based on sound engineering practices and business considerations. Serve as consultant to management and customers regarding advanced technical studies, their potential application and the resolution of complex problems. Manage or coordinate major engineering projects of substantial impact to the company. Proactively develop and implement measures to improve operations and customer satisfaction.

Typical duties/responsibilities may include, but are not limited to, the following:
• Provide system-level development on the overall functionality and development of autonomous mobile robotic systems, leveraging “Best in Class” engineering design and components.
• Collaborative Robotic Assembly.
• Integrate robotics with associated peripherals, controllers, or other equipment
• Provide technical support for robotic systems
• Review or approve designs, calculations, or cost estimates
• Make system device lists or event timing charts
• Document robotic application development, maintenance, or changes
• Write algorithms or programming code for ad hoc robotic applications
• Develop robot framework programs or parameters for reuse in engineered products
• Process or interpret signals or sensor data
Investigate mechanical failures or unexpected maintenance problems
Install, calibrate, operate, or maintain robots
Debug robotics programs
Design end-of-arm tooling
Conduct research on robotic technology to create new robotic systems or system capabilities
Automate assays on laboratory robotics
Conduct research into the feasibility, design, operation, or performance of robotic mechanisms, components, or systems, like collaborative, coordinated multiple robots, reconfigurable robots, or man-machine interactions
Analyze evaluate robotic systems or prototypes
Design automated robotic systems to increase production volume or precision in high-throughput operations, like flexible part complexity analysis or sorting, moving, or stacking production materials
Design software to control robotic systems for applications, like robot controlled pressing, fastening or manufacturing.
Build, configure, and test robots

Requirements

Basic Qualifications:
• High School Diploma or GED AND 9 years of experience OR
• Associate’s Degree AND 7 years of experience OR
• Bachelor’s Degree AND 5 years of experience.

Preferred Qualifications:
• Master degree in Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering.
• Direct experience with autonomous, mobile, “rover-type” robotics
• PLC’s (Programmable Logic Controller)
• DeviceNet, Ethernet/IP, Profinet, Profinet InterBus, InterBus, Azipus, RFID (Radio Frequency ID) tags (Interface, Reading and Writing)
• VFD and Servo Motors
• Automated System Controls Design
• 5 year minimum experience in Robotics

Additional information

Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action at ABB

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All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to their sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, color, religious creed, national origin, physical or mental disability, protected Veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. For more information regarding your (EEO) rights as an applicant, please visit the following websites:

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As an Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer, applicants may request to review the Affirmative Action Plan of a particular ABB facility between the hours of 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. EST Monday through Friday by contacting an ABB HR Representative at 1-888-694-7762.

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