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## **NYU Tandon opens ProtoShop at Veterans Future Lab in Sunset Park, Brooklyn**

**Free and discounted resource for entrepreneurs' hardware needs now available for military veterans and community members**

BROOKLYN, New York, September 5, 2019 – [NYU Tandon School of Engineering's Future Labs](#) today launched the [ProtoShop](#), a prototyping space, in its [Veterans Future Lab](#) (VFL).

Located in Brooklyn's Industry City complex in Sunset Park, the ProtoShop is a free resource for those with military ties — U.S. military veterans and their spouses, as well as Department of Defense affiliates. The ProtoShop will also meet the hardware needs of New York's early-stage entrepreneurs and can be used for light machining, metal fabrication, soft goods development, and digital design. The space features a CNC router, welders, plasma cutters, powder coaters, sewing machines, drill presses, and much more.

"The launch of the new ProtoShop is another great resource that we are proud to be able to offer to veterans, Industry City tenants, and Sunset Park residents who need space and equipment to help their startups grow," said VFL Director James Hendon. "With this equipment, veterans and other entrepreneurs will be able to design a scalable prototype and perform small-batch prototyping for early pilots, both with an eye toward expansion."

At launch, the ProtoShop will be available by appointment for free on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The space will remain free for the military community, and after the introductory period, Sunset Park residents and business owners will be eligible for discounted monthly payment options. To inquire about the space, schedule a tour, or make an appointment, please contact [Tandon.VFL@nyu.edu](mailto:Tandon.VFL@nyu.edu).

The ProtoShop is supported by founding sponsor Barclays, the Empire State Development Corporation, the New York State Assembly, the U.S. Small Business Administration, Orrick LLP, Herrington, & Sutcliffe LLP, and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. The VFL is one of four incubators in a network of innovation spaces and programs that support early-stage startups operated by the NYU Tandon School of Engineering. The VFL is the Future Labs' newest incubator and launched in 2017.

#### ***About the New York University Tandon School of Engineering***

*The NYU Tandon School of Engineering dates to 1854, the founding date for both the New York University School of Civil Engineering and Architecture and the Brooklyn Collegiate and Polytechnic Institute (widely known as Brooklyn Poly). A January 2014 merger created a comprehensive school of education and research in engineering and applied sciences, rooted in a tradition of invention and entrepreneurship and dedicated to furthering technology in service to society. In addition to its main location in Brooklyn, NYU Tandon collaborates with other schools within NYU, one of the country's foremost private research universities, and is closely connected to engineering programs at NYU Abu Dhabi and NYU Shanghai. It operates Future Labs focused on start-up businesses in downtown Manhattan and Brooklyn and an award-winning online graduate program. For more information, visit <http://engineering.nyu.edu>.*

#### ***About the NYU Tandon Future Labs***

*The NYU Tandon Future Labs is a network of innovation spaces and programs that support the early-stage startups of tomorrow through personalized and curated support services, mentorships, and resources. Operated by the NYU Tandon School of Engineering, the companies work at the intersection of a leading academic institution and the City of New York. For more information, visit [futurelabs.nyc](http://futurelabs.nyc).*

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