



Zero Energy Design Designation Checklist 2024

Application due date: 11:59 p.m. PT, June 28, 2024

Application submission [link](#). (NOTE: The ZEDD application will open during the Solar Decathlon Design Challenge, April 19-21, 2024)

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Requirements

To receive the three-year designation, each program of study must include the following as part of their application:

Part 1: Building Science Education Curriculum

Meet the requirement by offering one option:

- Option 1: Solar Decathlon [Building Science Education Series](#)
- Option 2: School-created Building Science Education
 - Application will also require all syllabi to include course name, and course number that show where each of the [Learning Objectives](#) of the [Building Science Education Series](#) will be met.

Part 2: Zero Energy Design Practicum

Meet the requirement by offering one option:

- Option 1: Participation in the [Solar Decathlon Design Challenge](#)
- Option 2: Participation in a school course focused on zero energy building design meeting [DOE Zero Energy Ready Home](#) certification or more stringent. Residential or commercial projects may qualify.
 - Application will also require all syllabi to include course name, and course number where students complete the above practicum.

Part 3: Signed letter(s) from Dean, Department Chair, or Equivalent

- Applicants will need to upload a letter from the Dean, Department Chair, or equivalent showing the commitment of each academic program pursuing the designation to meeting the ZEDD requirements for three years.

Part 4: Name and contact information of person who will receive letter of recognition, name and contact information of people who should be copied on the letter of recognition, and name and contact information of key PR contacts.