

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVALUATION PROCEDURES

Zero Robotics Session Dates*

Session I **June 12, 2017 - July 21, 2017**
Session II **June 26, 2017 - August 4, 2017**

All youth serving programs within a state (or combined region) must follow the same session.

**ZR schedule reflects partial scheduling for 4th of July week*

Field Day

Session I **Week of June 19-23, 2017**
Session II **Week of July 10-14, 2017**
Field day **Monday or Tuesday of Week Two.**

Final Competition Aboard ISS

Requested: **August 10, 11, 12, 14 or 18, 2016 tentative**
(Date is subject to change based on NASA and ISS)

Training Dates

Saturday, May 13, 2017 Trainers & MA Educators
Saturday, May 20, 2017 Session I **11:30 -5:30 EST**
Saturday, June 3, 2017 Session II **11:30 -5:30 EST**
Trainings are mandatory & held at the state's local facility
Mass/National Trainer training is at MIT from **9:00-4:00 EST**

Saturday, May 27, 2017 Session I p.2 **12:30 -2:30 EST**
Saturday, June 3, 2017 Session II p.2 **12:30 -2:30 EST**
Part 2 Sessions are Q&A webinars
All training is provided free of charge.

Curriculum Implementation & Technical Capacity

Programs must implement Zero Robotics for a minimum of **15 hours per week**. States are free to create their own requirements at the state level (e.g., 3 five-hour days; 5 three-hour days). The **curriculum is multifaceted** with computer time, fun activities, and online tutorials/videos.

There should be **enough computers** available for students to use during the summer program. Computers must have access to the **internet** and a web browser like Chrome or Firefox (not Internet Explorer). There is no special software that needs to be downloaded or purchased. Therefore "Zero" not only stands for Zero Gravity and Zero Cost, but Zero Configuration to your school or organizations computers as well.

Curriculum is provided free of charge.

Technical Support

Each state will be supported by undergraduate research students from MIT. These students will be available online and by phone daily to answer questions and provide ongoing and live technical support to programs, educators and students during the five-week program.

Evaluation

Statewide Coordinators are responsible for ensuring that evaluation tasks are completed and submitted on time.

Educator Evaluation

May 2017 Pre-survey before training day (online)
May 2017 Post-survey immediately following training (online)
Jul/Aug 2016 Post program (last day of program)

Student Evaluation

Pre-survey First day of program (online)
Post-survey Last day of program (online)
August 2017 Real time survey during ISS Finals

Statewide Coordination Evaluation

All Statewide Coordinators, Lead Partners and MIT Undergraduates must complete an online final report in August and and/or interview with an external evaluator.

Deadlines

Monday, February 20, 2017
Statewide Coordinators release invitations/applications
Friday, March 24, 2017
MOU's from Statewide Coordinators Due to ILC
Monday, April 10, 2017 (Suggested)
Program Applications Due to State Coordinators
Monday, April 17, 2016 (Suggested)
10-25 Programs Selected by State Coordinators
Monday, May 2, 2017 (Suggested)
State's Lead Trainers Identified & Travel Arranged

Questions

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