

# IMPORTANT DATES AND EVALUATION PROCEDURES

## Zero Robotics Session Dates\*

Session I **June 10, 2019 - July 19\*, 2019**  
Session II **July 8, 2018 - August 9, 2019**

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 14-18, 2019**  
Session II **Week of July 12-16, 2019**  
Field day **Monday or Tuesday of Week Two.**

## Final Competition Aboard ISS

**Week of August 12<sup>th</sup> - tentative**  
(Date is subject to change based on NASA and ISS)

## Training Dates

**Saturday, May 4, 2019** Trainers Training 9:00am\*  
**Saturday, May 18, 2019** Session I 11:30 -5:30 EST  
**Saturday, June 8, 2019** Session II 11:30 -5:30 EST  
Trainings are mandatory & held at the state's local facility  
\*Mass/National Trainer Training at MIT from 9:00-4:00 EST

**Friday, May 31, 2019** Session I p.2 12:00 -2:00 EST  
**Friday, June 14, 2019** Session II p.2 12:00 -2:00 EST  
Part 2 Sessions are online 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 2019** Pre-survey before training day (online)  
**May 2019** Post-survey immediately following training (online)  
**Jul/Aug 2019** Post program (last day of program)

## Student Evaluation

**Pre-survey** First day of program (online)  
**Post-survey** Last day of program (online)  
**August 2019** 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 (Suggested)

**February 27 to March 6, 2019**  
Statewide Coordinators release invitations/applications  
**Friday, April 12, 2019**  
MOU's from Statewide Coordinators Due to ILC  
**Friday, April 12, 2019 (Suggested)**  
Program Applications Due to State Coordinators  
**Wednesday, April 17, 2019 (Suggested)**  
Programs Selected by State Coordinators  
**Monday, April 6, 2019 (Suggested)**  
State's Lead Trainers Identified & Travel Arranged

## Questions

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