

2023 Fellowship Application

New Buildings | Net Zero Fellowship

Application open February 7 - June 2, 2023



APPLICATION CLARIFYING QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

The following questions were submitted to Energy Trust about the 2023 Net Zero Fellowship application process. Answers may be relevant to other applicants. All questions submitted through the May 19, 2023 deadline are listed below and **the Q&A portion of this application process is now closed**. We look forward to receiving your Net Zero Fellowship application; please submit all required materials per the application instructions by the 2023 application submission deadline.

Posted on the [Fellowship website](#) 5/23/2023:

- 1. Should the proposal be geared more towards the fundamental (conceptual) research of the project or the applied aspect of it? Or both?**
This is at the discretion of the applicant and should be determined based on the desired outcome and impact of the specific research. As stated in the application, "The Net Zero Fellowship aims to address technological, financial, social, and other market barriers to net-zero buildings and to grow the community of practitioners advancing commercial net-zero energy design and construction in Oregon and/or Washington."
- 2. Is having a collaborator (for example, another faculty co-principal investigator) encouraged, or does it not matter?**
This is at the discretion of the application. Proposals must have one named Fellow acting as the research lead, Fellowship contracting entity and funding recipient, but applicants may submit as a collaborative partnership or team.

Posted on the [Fellowship website](#) 5/15/2023:

- 1. How many applications do you receive per year, and what percentage are selected?**
Since the Fellowship began in 2017, Energy Trust has typically received between 3 and 16 applications per year and, to date, has selected to fund 1 to 2 Fellowships each year. Past numbers may not be indicative of results this year, however.
- 2. Can you share past applications?**
No, previous applications are confidential but [all research products from previous Fellowship recipients](#) are available online.
- 3. Is an industry partner required for proposals by academics?**
No. But given the application asks for a proposed dissemination strategy, it is important for the applicant to explain how they are proposing to share the Fellowship-funded research and get the results to communities/audiences that have the most to gain from it.
- 4. Can I use some of the funding for student research?**
Yes, applicants may team on the proposed Fellowship research project, and they may propose to

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fund portions of work performed by other team members as they determine appropriate for the proposed scope of work. Note that proposals must have one named Fellow acting as the research lead, Fellowship contracting entity and funding recipient, but to date, many Fellowship recipients have worked collaboratively and included other partners in their research projects and presentations.

5. Is there a minimum FTE (Full Time Equivalent) that the Fellow must dedicate over the research period?

No, there is no required minimum. The applicant's schedule and budget should reflect the cost and time to complete the proposed research scope.

6. Is there a limit to admin or indirect costs?

No, but the budget proposal should accurately reflect the cost to complete the proposed research project.

7. Is cost share required?

No. In some cases, the cost to complete a proposed research project has exceeded Energy Trust's Fellowship grant amount with the Fellowship recipient covering the difference, but it is not required. The budget provided in the application should reflect the full cost to complete the proposed research project. If the cost would exceed the \$60,000 grant maximum, then it would be important for the applicant to explain the portion of the research that would be completed with the Fellowship funding only and where any additional budget would come from if needed to complete the project.

8. The application notes that firms must have a 'history of work' in Oregon or Washington. Could you clarify what that means, exactly?

The application states that, "Applicant must be registered to do business in Oregon or Washington and have a history of work in at least one of these two states. Research must be relevant to these states; however, the fellow is not required to be a resident." The intent is to ensure that the results of the research bring benefits to Oregon and Washington (Energy Trust's service area) while allowing for national thought leadership to influence net zero design and construction in the Northwest.

9. If a company does not qualify for the location requirement, could it be met if a collaborative partner had a history of work in one of the states?

The collaborative partner would need to be the Fellowship applicant and be registered to do business in Oregon or Washington and have a history of work in one of the two states.

10. If I am already involved with other Energy Trust grants and incentives, can I still be a Fellow?

Yes, you can still apply!

11. Is research on embodied carbon eligible?

Yes, as long as the research also makes a clear connection to operational carbon and related energy efficiency strategies.

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12. Does the Fellowship grant cover research related to single family residential buildings?

No, this Fellowship is for new commercial construction, which includes multifamily, but research specific to single family buildings is not eligible. Energy Trust does not currently have a Fellowship grant for single family residential research. In this case, multifamily projects are those with stacked housing units or those with common areas and/or shared systems.

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