

## Expression of Interest: ZERO Institute invites academics and members of the Oxford community to join the Working Group on The Future of ZERO Buildings at Oxford

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The ZERO Institute is excited to announce the launch of the Working Group on “The Future of ZERO buildings” at Oxford, a strategic initiative supported by the University Estates Services. We invite academics and members from the Oxford community to join this initiative. This working group is focused on achieving three key objectives:

- Strategy Development – Define and agree on a strategic direction for achieving a net-zero built environment in Oxford by 2035, outlined in a position paper on priorities and needs.
- Advisory Support—Serve as a reference group, providing guidance and engagement opportunities to support the University of Oxford and Colleges in decarbonising the building sector.
- Funding & Collaboration—Strengthen and consolidate a consortium to secure funding for priority areas in the transition to a zero-carbon building sector.

This initiative, coordinated by the ZERO Institute, aims to position the University of Oxford as a leader in cost-effective, net-zero emissions across its building stock by 2035.

The ZERO Institute is inviting academics, researchers, building managers and members from across the University of Oxford to express their interest in joining the ZERO Building Working Group. This collaborative group will play a pivotal role in shaping Oxford's Net-Zero by 2035 Strategy, developing practical, actionable plans, and addressing the top 10 critical questions and challenges to ensure the goal is achieved cost-effectively and practically.

Participants will have the unique opportunity to contribute directly to the Position Paper: Oxford’s Building Strategy for Net-Zero by 2035, which will outline key guidelines and research priorities in the building environment and energy sector at Oxford. This collective effort will help set the research and investment agenda and guide future funding opportunities to address the most pressing challenges in decarbonising the university’s estate.



By joining the working group, academics and members from the Oxford community will contribute their expertise to a transformative project and help shape the future direction of Oxford net-zero. The Zero Institute is particularly seeking input from Oxford researchers and professionals across different disciplines as well as other groups interested in net-zero and healthy estates. The Zero Institute actively encourages the participation of early career researchers and DPhil students involved in built environment decarbonisation or zero-carbon energy systems.

**To express your interest in joining the working group, please complete the following form:**

<https://forms.office.com/e/yzQGCQcqT7>

**Deadline to receive expression of interest: 22 April 2025**

**If you have any questions, you can also contact us on: [zero@eng.ox.ac.uk](mailto:zero@eng.ox.ac.uk)**

Together, we can pave the way towards a sustainable, net-zero future for Oxford and beyond.