

This year's theme: Integrated Lifestyle Communities — Engineering Net Zero Districts by 2050

Students are challenged to design future-ready districts that go beyond the building scale, balancing energy, water, mobility, digital infrastructure, health and social wellbeing while progressing toward net zero carbon outcomes.

Key Focus Areas

- District Energy Systems
- Smart Infrastructure
- Low-carbon Mobility
- Water & Circular Resources
- Climate Resilience
- Health & Wellbeing

Aligned with the UAE Net Zero 2050 ambition.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

- Better energy performance & lower carbon footprint
- Digital tools & data for continuous improvement
- Region-wide relevance — UAE, KSA & MENA
- Innovation, inclusivity, resilience & sustainability

Your chosen building or site should demonstrate future-ready district principles across:

Energy • Water • Waste • Mobility • Carbon Lifecycle while integrating smart infrastructure and data-driven systems, including examples such as microgrids, district cooling and smart mobility.

Submit entries to:
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WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Currently enrolled students or graduates within the last 24 months
- Individuals or teams of up to 3 students from the same university
- Cross-disciplinary teams are encouraged: Engineering, Architecture, Environmental Science & Sustainable Design
- Submissions must follow the English language and metric system
- Entries must be original work with proper references
- Submissions must be clearly presented, legible and received by the stated deadline
- Judged by regional and industry experts against the published assessment criteria

PRIZES & RECOGNITION

- FIRST PRIZE - AED 7,500
- RUNNER-UP - AED 5,000
- 2ND RUNNER-UP - AED 2,000

EVERY WINNER ALSO RECEIVES

- Opportunity to present a synopsis to the CIBSE MENA Technical Committee
- Feature across CIBSE / CIBSE MENA social media channels

FOR ALL ENTRIES

- Every participant receives a CIBSE certificate.
- Full-time students can also access free CIBSE student membership, or a significantly reduced rate for part-time study.

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