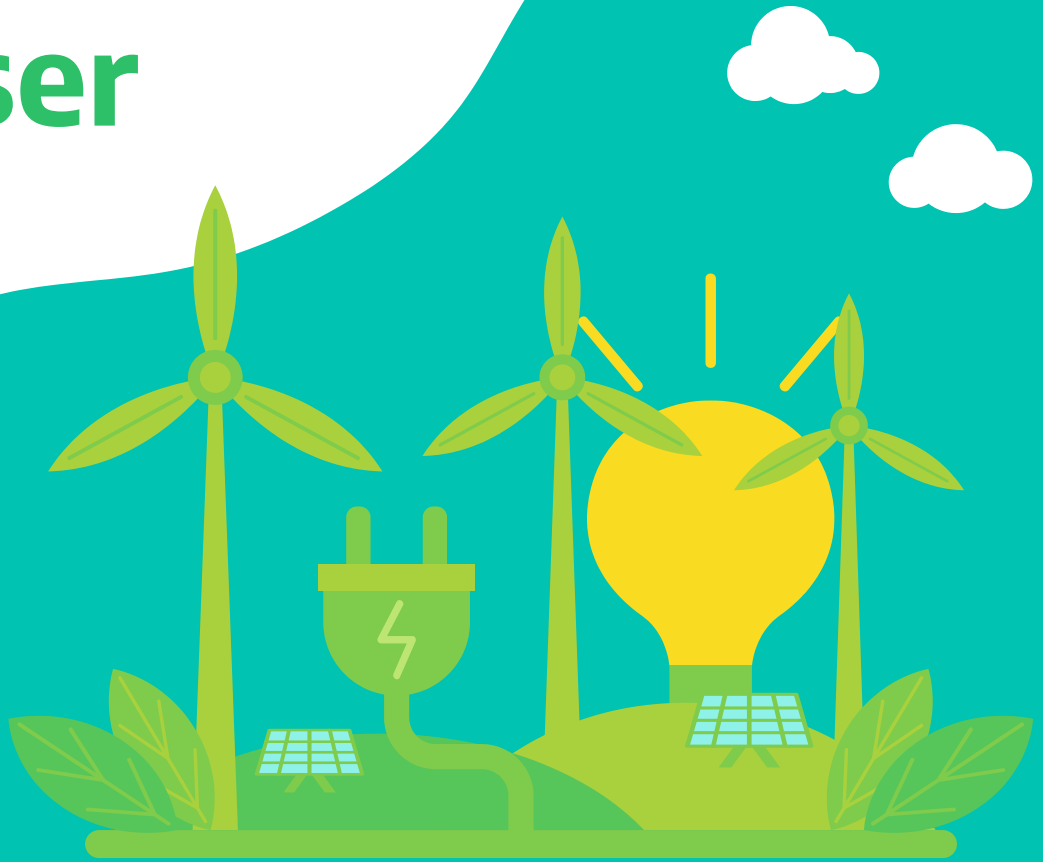
SolarSize User Guide

How to use the SolarSize application



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View tooltips by **hovering** over an input field until the tooltip box appears.

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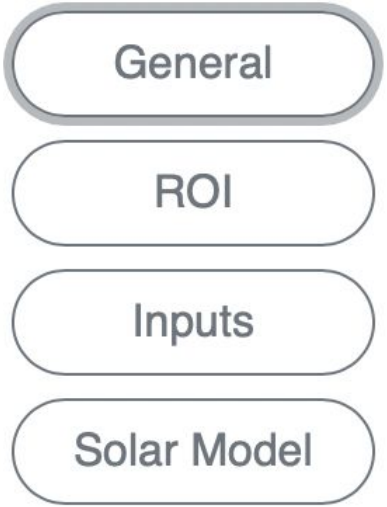

Use the menu on the left side to navigate to different sections of the **About page**.

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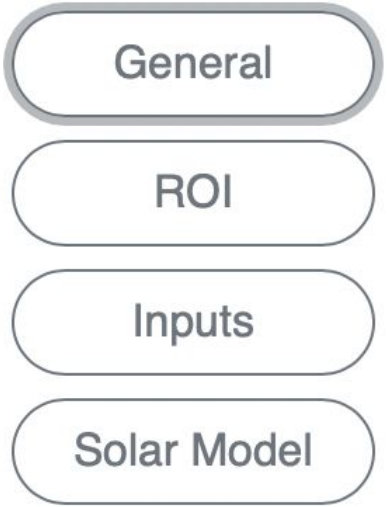

Look in the **General** section for information regarding the Solarsize application and SolarSize Winter 2022 capstone project.

Look in the **ROI** section for information regarding the return on investment calculations such as formulas and specific costs.

Look in the **Inputs** section for information regarding the inputs users may need to submit.

Look in the **Solar Model** section for information regarding the solar model such as how it works and specific solar calculations.

Using the Application

The main pages of the application are the **Inputs page** and **Summary page**. The **Inputs page** is used to fill out the form with the information required to perform the solar panel and return on investment analysis. The **Summary page** displays the results of the solar panel and return on investment analysis.

Navigate between the **Inputs page** and **Summary page** using the menu at the top of the application.

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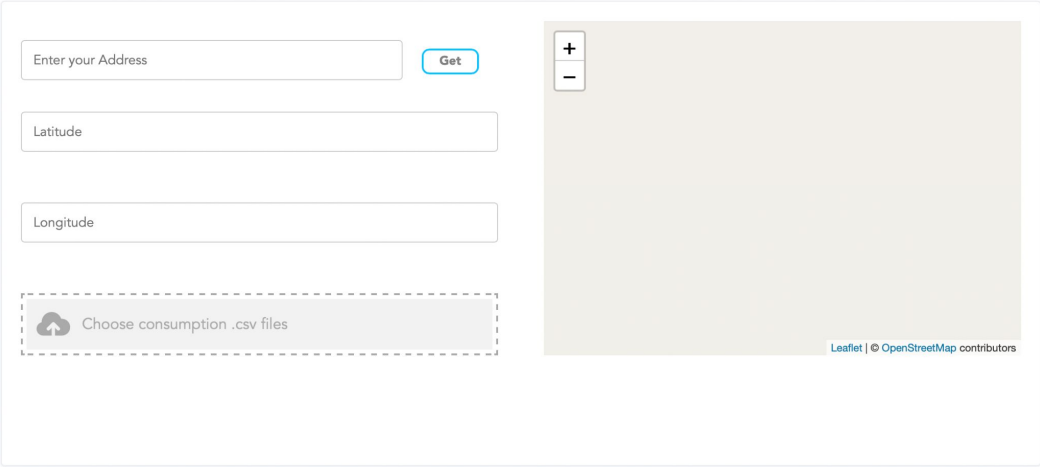

Enter your **address** or **location** and press the **“Get” button** to update the map, latitude, and longitude.

Upload a **.csv file** containing your building energy consumption data.

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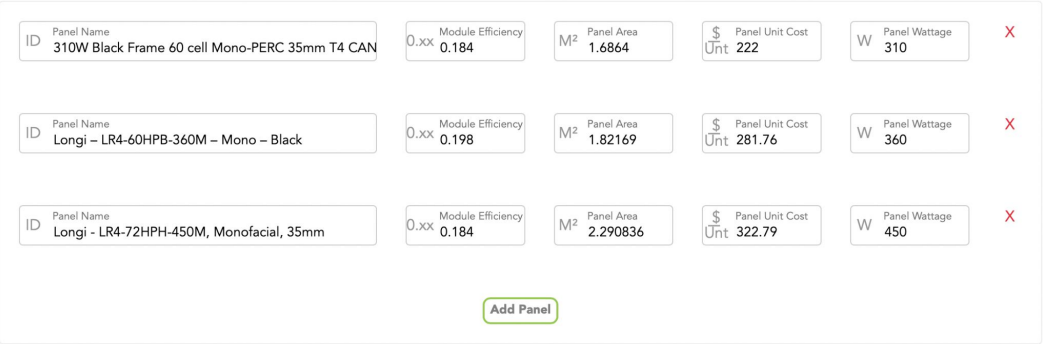

Use the application's **default** solar panel suggestions.

Or

Add your own panel types to be included in the analysis.

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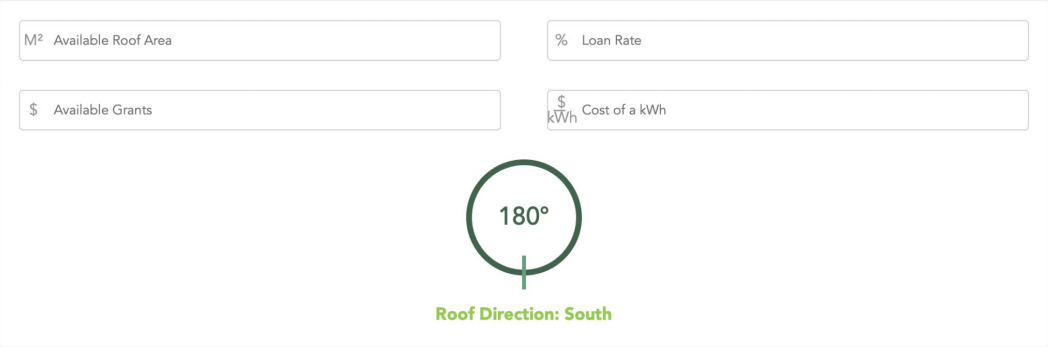

Enter your

- **Area available**
- **Loan interest rate**
- **Grant amounts received**
- **Cost of kWh**
- **Roof direction**

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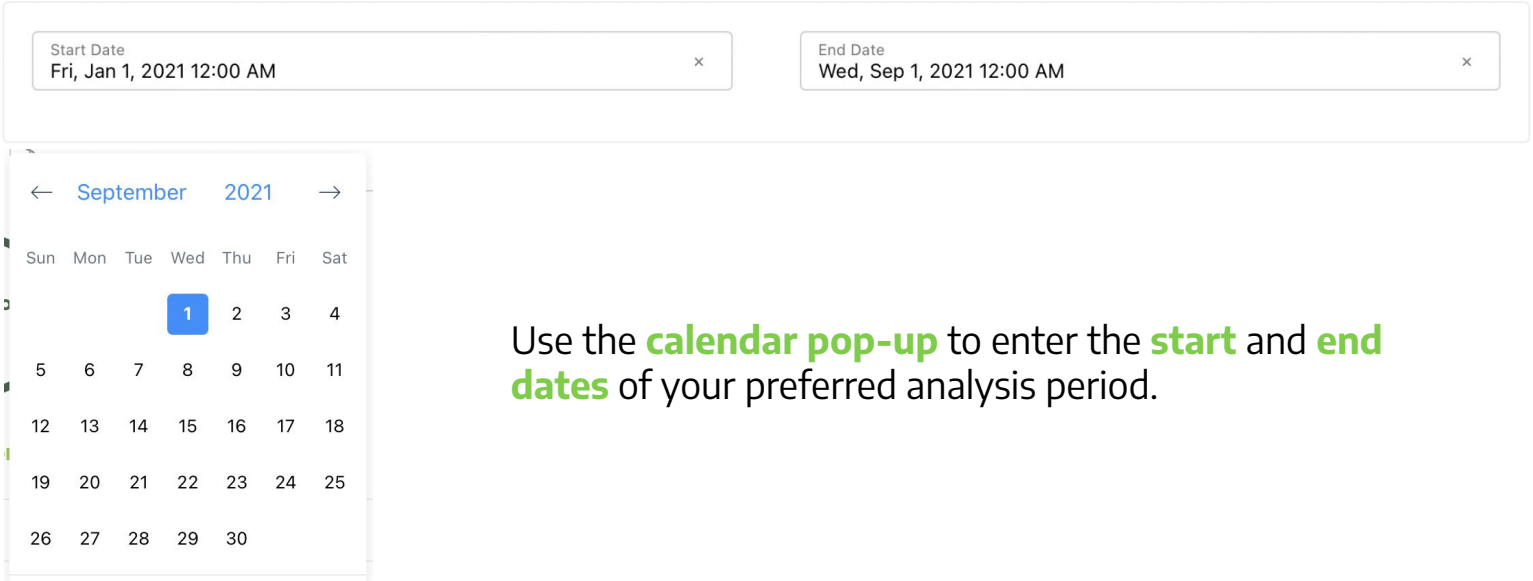

Use the **calendar pop-up** to enter the **start** and **end dates** of your preferred analysis period.

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Use the **Calculate button** to submit the form once you have entered all the inputs.

Use the **Reset button** to reset/clear all the input values in the form at any point while filling out the form.

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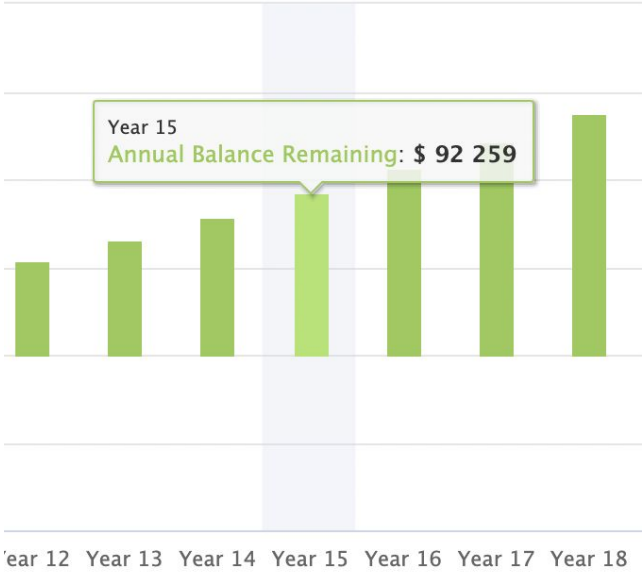
The **Summary page** displays the results of the solar panel and return on investment analysis including graphs and statistics. The **SolarSize demo video** explains what information is provided by each graph on the **Summary page**.



Hover over any point on a graph to view more detailed information about the value it is displaying.

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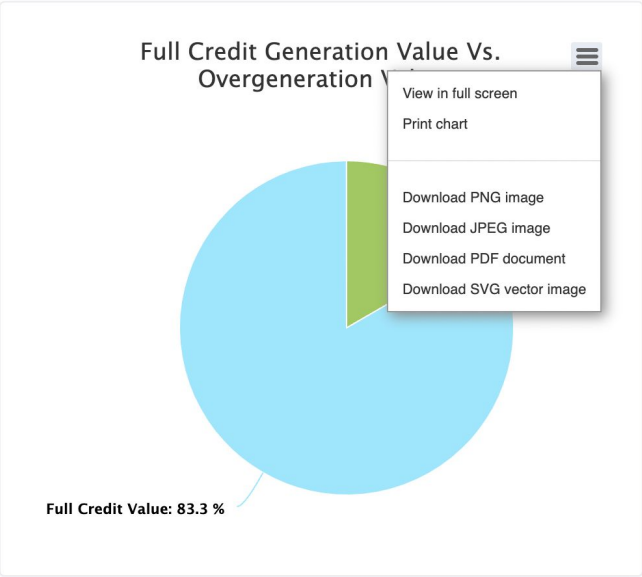

Use the **graph menu (3 grey bars in top right corner)** to **enlarge** the graph, **print** the graph, or **download** a copy of the graph.

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