

About the Planning Profession

- There are approximately 8,500 planning professionals in Canada.
- Certification of professional planners is legislated by provincial and territorial government.
- In 2016, *Canadian Business* named Urban Planner one of [Canada's Best Jobs 2016](#).
- According to [PayScale Canada](#), in 2015, the median salary of an urban planner was \$85,010, with entry-level positions paying approximately \$50,000, and senior level positions maxing out at approximately \$100,000.

About the Canadian Institute of Planners

- The Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) represents 6,300 planning professionals nationally, and has served as the voice of Canada's planning community since 1919.
- CIP works to provide leadership on planning issues that impact planners and Canadians.
- CIP members, who are certified planners use the professional designation 'MCIP' to denote Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners.
- CIP provides a number of services to members, including:
 - Access to newsletters, publications, online journals and other resources;
 - A subscription to *Plan Canada*, our quarterly magazine;
 - Professional liability insurance and other optional insurance programs;
 - Awards programs and access to professional development programs;
 - Discounted registration on the annual national conference;
 - Access to Canada-wide job postings;
 - Opportunities to volunteer, network and participate in program initiatives;
 - Representation of the profession's interests to the federal government and key stakeholders; and
 - Support to students, including a range of scholarships.
- CIP membership can be obtained through a planner's Provincial and Territorial Institute or Association.
- In 2016, the CIP's Planning Student Trust Fund administered the award of \$22,500 to deserving scholars studying planning.

About Professional Planning

- Professional planners work in both the public service and the private sector, across fields such as land use planning, environmental resource management, land development, heritage conservation, social planning, transportation planning, and economic development.
- In Canada, provincial and territorial government institutes and associations regulate the planning profession.

- The [Professional Standards Board for the Planning Profession in Canada \(PSB\)](#) is responsible for the certification of professional planners and the accreditation of planning schools within Canada. This is an organization affiliated with CIP.
- All planners seeking professional certification must participate in a mentorship program for a minimum of one year. PSB is responsible for this mentorship program.

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National and International Planning Initiatives

National

- CIP's National Initiatives Advisory Committee (NIAC) is a dedicated team of CIP volunteers whose combined experience and skills promote and support CIP's National initiatives. The Committee provides recommendations to the CIP Board of Directors on planning, policy, advocacy, and outreach projects. Those projects are implemented by the committee members.
- NIAC is active on a number of planning topics, including:
 - [Climate Change*](#)
 - [Healthy Communities*](#)
 - [Indigenous Peoples Planning*](#)
 - [Transportation](#)
 - [Housing](#)
 - [Urban Design](#)
 - [International Outreach](#)



International

- Over the past three decades CIP has engaged in a variety of International activities that promote knowledge sharing, awareness-building and international cooperation in order to advance the planning profession at home and abroad. CIP's international activities and partnerships include:
 - Participation in the [Global Planners Network](#)
 - Participation in the [Commonwealth Association of Planners](#)
 - Strong advocate for [World Town Planning Day](#) (November 8), and the [World Town Planning Day Online Conference](#)

Plan Canada

- CIP publishes, *Plan Canada* is the premier planning magazine in Canada quarterly. It features informative and beautifully presented articles on innovative projects and best practices in Canadian planning, as well as original research by practitioners and academics. Each edition explores one theme in the planning world, such as planning for Indigenous communities, planning and human rights, and digital cities.
- To subscribe to *Plan Canada* visit www.cip-icu.ca/Resources/Plan-Canada.



Planning Student Trust Fund

- CIP began the Planning Student Trust Fund in 2011.
- The Planning Student Trust Fund represents a long-time commitment by CIP and its members to contribute to the advancement of community planning by providing scholarships to students studying in the field.
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Benefits to Canadians

- Planners safeguard the health and well-being of urban and rural communities, by addressing the use of land, resources, facilities and services with consideration to physical, economic, and social efficiency.

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