

About the Planning Profession

- There are over 10,000 planning professionals in Canada.
- 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.
- Planners work in both the public service and the private sector, across such fields as land use planning, environmental resource management, land development, heritage conservation, social planning, Indigenous communities planning, transportation planning, and economic development.



Certified Professional Planners

- In Canada, [Provincial and Territorial Institutes and Associations \(PTIAs\)](#) regulate the planning profession. PTIAs are responsible for governing the rights and responsibilities of their members and setting and upholding the criteria for professional planners within their jurisdictions.
- PTIAs grant Registered Professional Planners (RPP) or Licensed Professional Planners (LPP) professional designations and protected titles to their members who have completed the certification process and relevant standards for ethical and professional competency.
- As planners are required to register in a province or territory where they are living and/or working, [secondary memberships](#) are available across the PTIAs for those who work in more than one jurisdiction.
- The [Professional Standards Board for the Planning Profession in Canada \(PSB\)](#) administers the processes for the certification of professional planners and the accreditation of planning schools within Canada.

About the Canadian Institute of Planners

- The Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) works on behalf of over 7,500 planning professionals nationally, and has served as the voice of Canada’s planning community since 1919.
- CIP’s mission is to advance and raise the profile of Canadian professional planning, for our members in Canada and abroad, through leadership, advocacy, expertise, and education.
- In recent years, CIP has been focusing its work on four key policy priorities: Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (EDI), Truth & Reconciliation, Climate Change, and Healthy Communities. As a result, CIP has developed the [Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Roadmap](#) and three national policies to guide planners' work.
- CIP’s professional members, who are certified by their PTIAs, use the designation MCIP® denoting Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners.
- CIP provides a number of services to our members, including:
 - Access to newsletters, publications, online journals and other resources;
 - Access to [Plan Canada](#), CIP’s quarterly magazine, and the [Canadian Planning and Policy Journal](#), an open-access scholarly publication;
 - Professional liability insurance and other optional insurance programs;
 - Awards and honours programs;
 - Career support by means of a national [job board](#), a national [compensation and benefits survey](#), and the Emerging Leaders Program;
 - Opportunities to volunteer, network, and participate in program initiatives;
 - Representation of the profession’s interests to the federal government and key stakeholders;
 - Support to students, including a range of scholarships and bursaries;
 - Access to CIP’s online learning platform, the Professional Learning Hub, and Continuous Professional Learning programs; and
 - Many unique opportunities with CIP’s partnership organizations (planning and interdisciplinary).

Plan Canada

CIP publishes *Plan Canada*, 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 cip-icu.ca/Resources/Plan-Canada.





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College of Fellows

Fellowship is a special status for Members developed by CIP that recognizes excellence, identifies prominent role models, promotes advances in planning practice, and draws leaders to the forefront of planning in Canada. Election as a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Planners is the highest award the Institute can give to a planner. It is given only to those Members who exhibit the highest professional attainment and exhibit a wide breadth of experience. Such professional attainment and experience must be significant within a Canadian or international planning context.

CIP/ICU Planning Student Trust Fund

CIP created the CIP/ICU Planning Student Trust Fund (CIP-PSTF) in 1989 to contribute to the advancement of community planning by providing an annual scholarship program. After incorporating as a separate entity under the Canada Corporations Act, the fund received charitable status in 1990. Since then, over 100 scholarships have been awarded, totalling over \$400,000 in financial support to worthy students.



CIP-PSTF currently offers five scholarships and three bursaries, awarding over \$30,000 annually.

All donations are eligible for charitable tax receipts. To learn more about CIP-PSTF or to donate visit the CIP-PSTF website: www.cip-pstf.ca/.

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