

# WELCOME TO CIP

INFORMATION PACKAGE  
FOR NEW STUDENT MEMBERS



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CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF PLANNERS  
INSTITUT CANADIEN DES URBANISTES

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Welcome and thank you for joining the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP)!

You are now part of a national network of planners and planning students who strive to effect positive change and are dedicated to the advancement of excellence in the planning profession.

I believe that there has never been a more important time to be a planner. As the national voice on professional planning, CIP is working diligently to ensure that our profession is actively shaping and contributing to the most critical issues of today and tomorrow.

We are stronger when we work together and I'm so pleased that you are with us!



Dan Huang RPP, MCIP



## ABOUT US

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CIP works on behalf of over 7,500 planning professionals and has served as the voice of Canada's planning community since 1919. CIP advocates for planners nationally and internationally, and provides membership services that help planners – and aspiring planners – advance their careers.



# THINGS TO KNOW

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## FREE MEMBERSHIP

As a student in an accredited Canadian planning program, you will receive free membership with CIP up until your graduation date.

## PLANNING PRIORITIES

In recent years, CIP has been focusing its work on five key policy priorities: Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (EDI), Truth & Reconciliation, Climate Change, Healthy Communities, and Housing. As a result, CIP has developed the *Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Roadmap* and three national policies to guide planners' work on Climate Change Planning, Healthy Communities, and Planning Practice and Reconciliation. These priorities are also reflected in our brand-new Strategic Plan: *1,835 Days of Impact*. With this plan, CIP reaffirms its support of inclusive and vibrant communities, respectfully connected to the natural world, for the well-being of current and future generations.

## VOLUNTEERING & NETWORKING

As a student member of CIP, you have access to *volunteer opportunities* to get involved in national committees and juries, as well as to represent CIP on external projects and organizations. CIP also has two LinkedIn groups that members may join — *general* and *international* planning — that provide additional networking, volunteering, and learning opportunities.

At the commencement of the academic year, accredited planning programs across Canada select a CIP student representative who provides updates, information, and opportunities to other planning students. Contact your planning school administrator or [membership@cip-icu.ca](mailto:membership@cip-icu.ca) for more information on how to get involved.

## SPECIALTIES, SKILLS & YOUR PREFERENCES

Keep your CIP member profile current throughout the year by reviewing “My Profile” in the Member Console. You can update your contact information, indicate your specialties and skills, and make changes to your preferences for how you appear in the membership directory.



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## GOVERNANCE & TRANSPARENCY

CIP is a not-for-profit organization, governed by a 13-member *Board of Directors* (including one student). Following each Board meeting, a summary is emailed to members through the Board Bulletin. *Annual Reports* can also be found online, which include key accomplishments and audited financial statements. All members are welcome to attend CIP's Annual General Meeting, normally held at the national planning conference.



# RESOURCES

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## SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

Each year, the *CIP/ICU Planning Student Trust Fund (CIP-PSTF)* offers scholarships and bursaries to CIP student members who are enrolled full-time in accredited Canadian planning programs. In Canada, programs are accredited by the Professional Standards Board for the Planning Profession in Canada (*PSB*) and l'Ordre des urbanistes du Québec (*OUQ*). Visit [here](#) for a list of scholarships and bursaries, with information on how to apply.

## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING HUB

The *Professional Learning HUB* is accessible to all CIP members, on demand, with no additional fees. This centralized site includes recorded webinar and conference presentations, resources, and documents. Organized by subject, the HUB is ideal for accessing free Continuous Professional Learning (CPL) content and sourcing best practices in planning from across the country.

## PLAN CANADA

*Plan Canada* is the premier planning magazine in Canada and the official magazine of CIP. Published every quarter, and available to students for free in digital format, the magazine features informative articles on innovative projects and research in Canadian planning. Members are always encouraged to [contribute to the magazine](#) and are provided information on [upcoming issues](#) and themes in advance.

## CANADIAN PLANNING AND POLICY JOURNAL

The profession's scholarly publication project, undertaken by CIP and the Association of Canadian University Planning Programs, is an open-access, digital, bilingual, peer-reviewed journal with a double-blind review process run by an editorial team of distinguished scholars. *Canadian Planning and Policy* regularly publishes manuscripts reflecting the scope and diversity of planning theory and practice in Canada.

## CAREERS IN PLANNING

CIP's national job board, *Careers in Planning*, is a repository of job postings for all career levels — from senior level planning positions to student internships. Members can also sign up for new job alerts, post their résumés, and access the [National Compensation and Benefits Survey](#).

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Student members receive a discounted rate for *CIP's annual national planning conferences*, bringing planners together from across the country — and the world — to learn and network with one another. Students may participate in sessions, workshops and learning tours and attend networking events, including our Meet & Mentor (which connects students and young professionals with Senior Planners and Fellows of the Institute). Volunteer opportunities are available to students in exchange for additional registration fee discounts.

## WEBINARS

CIP's *CPL Webinar Program* provides our student members year-round learning opportunities at no cost. Covering a wide range of topics, these live broadcasts feature new and progressive perspectives on current and emerging planning issues.

# BENEFITS

## ZONING TRILOGY

Access North America's top zoning reference guide and planning term dictionary to better understand the complexities of land use regulations. CIP members receive free, personal subscriptions to *Zoning Trilogy*, valued at \$99. Find the discount code in the Member Console.

## INSURANCE DISCOUNTS

CIP is proud to partner with *The Personal* to offer members preferential rates on home and auto insurance.

**Find the full list of membership benefits in the CIP Member Console.**

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