



The Canadian Institute of Planners'
**Planning Student
Trust Fund**

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The CIP/ICU Planning Student Trust Fund (PSTF), a registered charitable organization of the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP). For the past 28 years, the PSTF has been dedicated to the advancement of community planning in Canada by providing scholarships to students studying at an accredited university planning program. The PSTF currently supports students with five different scholarships, awarding over \$22,000 annually.

CIP PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP (\$6,000)

Kai Okazaki

University of British Columbia

"Addressing Barriers to Inclusive Climate Action: Planning for Immigrants in Metro Vancouver"

Kai Okazaki grew up in the deep forest and mountainous town of Jasper, Alberta, and is currently pursuing his Master's degree in the School of Community and Regional Planning at the University of British Columbia (UBC). His current work focuses on community energy planning and local climate policy in collaboration with UBC and the City of New Westminster. Kai takes interest in researching on local climate change policy, sustainable community planning, and inclusive planning in the public sector. With his research, Kai hopes that the role of planners can provide equal and inclusive opportunities for all demographics, specifically immigrants in Metro Vancouver, to empower the underrepresented groups and meaningfully involve them in local planning processes for complex issues, such as climate change. Kai received his Bachelor of Science in Natural Resource Conservation at UBC, doing field research across BC landscape and in India.



DILLON CONSULTING SCHOLARSHIP (\$5,000)

Zoë Mager

York University

"Planning with Indigenous Peoples: Meaningful Municipal Consultation and Engagement as a Key Part of Reconciliation"

Zoë Mager is currently a student in the Masters of Environmental Studies' planning program at York University, and has a B.A. Hons. in Indigenous Environmental Studies from Trent University. After graduating high school, Zoë drove a retrofit school bus from Toronto to the Pacific northwest where she spent the better part of a decade delving into organic farming, sustainable design, and environmental education, and became an aspiring naturalist. She returned to academia as a mature student with a better understanding of her values, sense of place, and professional direction. Zoë's graduate research examines the legal and moral responsibilities that municipalities and municipal planners have in conducting meaningful consultation, engagement, and relationship-building with Indigenous communities.



2016 COLLEGE OF FELLOWS TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP (\$4,000)

Kara Martin

Dalhousie University

"Cycling urban design and implementation"



As a planner, Kara understands that creating bike-friendly cities has profound impacts on the health and prosperity of our communities and environments. To complete her double honours Bachelor degree in Community Design and Sustainability at Dalhousie University, she has chosen to focus on active transportation as a means of creating inclusive and accessible communities. Her passion for urban mobility has led to extensive extracurricular involvement with Halifax cycling advocacy groups and the Dalhousie Bike Society.

Having won the 2017 CIP College of Fellows Travel Scholarship, Kara plans on taking a bicycling urbanism Master Course, a three-day intensive course on cycling urban design and implementation for cities taught by the Copenhagenize Design Company in Copenhagen, Denmark. Her participation in this course will enable her to experience world-class cycling facilities while advancing her education in this emerging field. Kara hopes to pursue a career in bicycle urbanism and advocacy.

WAYNE DANIEL SMITH SCHOLARSHIP (\$4,500)

Zoi de la Peña

York University

"Planning Equitable Public Parks"

Zoi is currently completing her Master's of Environmental Studies in the Urban Planning stream at York University where she focuses on relationships between nature and mental health, and planning accessible urban green spaces. Prior to beginning her Master's she completed an undergraduate degree at the University of Toronto in Equity Studies and Forest Conservation. She recently presented preliminary findings from her Master's research at the Canadian Association for Geographers conference, as well as the Environmental Studies Association of Canada conference. Outside of the classroom you can find Zoi exploring Toronto's neighbourhoods, parks, and ravines on her bicycle!



CIP PAST PRESIDENT – THOMAS ADAMS SCHOLARSHIP (\$3,000)

Robert Catherall

University of British Columbia

"Planning for the Innovation Economy in Vancouver: Lessons from Seattle and San Francisco"



Robert is a problem solver. With an interest in all things urban, he enjoys finding solutions to the unique challenges cities pose by way of policy, practice, and urban governance. Currently studying as an MCRP student at the University of British Columbia's School of Community & Regional Planning in Vancouver, BC, his research interests include urban regeneration projects, planning for cities at night, and the formal/informal distinction. Before studying urban planning, he was a writer and editor at various media outlets, managed public advocacy media campaigns, and co-produced a non-profit music festival in Vancouver. He is also an avid cyclist and cookbook collector.

Congratulations to all our winners!

If you are interested in supporting the PSTF scholarship program, please consider making a charitable donation to help us provide more assistance and recognition to deserving planning students. The sustainability of the scholarship program is dependent on corporate sponsorships and individual donations. Through your financial support, we will be able to provide an outstanding scholarship program that can assist the next generation of planning students in addressing not only today's, but future planning challenges. Make a donation today!

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