About the Planning Profession

- There are approximately 10,200 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.
- 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.
FACT SHEET

About the Canadian Institute of Planners

● The Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) works on behalf of over 7,000 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.
● 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:
  o Access to newsletters, publications, online journals and other resources;
  o A subscription to Plan Canada, our quarterly magazine;
  o Professional liability insurance and other optional insurance programs;
  o Awards programs and access to Continuous Professional Learning programs;
  o Discounted registration fees for the annual national conference;
  o Access to Canada-wide job postings;
  o Opportunities to volunteer, network and participate in program initiatives;
  o Representation of the profession’s interests to the federal government and key stakeholders;
  o Support to students, including a range of scholarships and bursaries;
  o Access to CIP’s online learning platform, the Professional Learning Hub; and
  o 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.

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College of Fellows

Fellowship is a special status for Members developed by the Canadian Institute of Planners 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 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 $350,000 in financial support to worthy students. CIP-PSTF currently offers five scholarships and three bursaries, awarding over $30,000 annually.

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