



PIBC STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

MEMBER BENEFITS & SERVICES...

The Planning Institute of British Columbia: The Planning Institute of British Columbia is the association of professional planners in British Columbia and the Yukon. PIBC is an affiliate of the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP).

PIBC members work in the public service and the private sector, in a wide variety of fields including land use planning, environmental resource management, land development, heritage conservation, social planning, transportation planning and economic development.

The profession of planning once was almost exclusively associated with the use of land. Today, planners have a much wider responsibility towards the future. Their reach extends from land development to its protection and ongoing stewardship. Planners play key roles in assisting communities to realize their visions and address the physical, social, environmental, and economic consequences of planning decisions. As a result, the tools, skills, and knowledge expected from practicing planners are growing as the field becomes more diverse and complex. This is both a challenge and an opportunity for the profession.

Membership: Membership in PIBC provides a forum for the exchange of ideas with colleagues not only in BC and the Yukon, but also with other practitioners throughout Canada and around the world – through joint membership in the national professional association – The Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP).

All post-secondary students who are currently enrolled in a CIP Recognized planning school or program, or who are continuing their academic studies through the completion of a degree in a CIP Recognized planning school or program are eligible for PIBC Student membership (which includes Student membership in CIP). Student members can maintain their student membership annually throughout their studies, and for up to one year following graduation to assist in the transition from school to a professional career.

Benefits & Services: Student membership provides an excellent opportunity for planning students to make a connection with the planning profession while undertaking their studies, and access many of the services and benefits of PIBC and CIP at substantially reduced membership fee rates. Some of the benefits and services include:

- Eligibility to enroll in PIBC's Mentoring Program which matches student member protégés with practicing professional Full Members of PIBC for informal knowledge sharing, networking, career development guidance and insight into the practice of planning.
- A subscription to *Planning West* magazine and *Plan Canada* – professional publications from PIBC and CIP where members can learn about the latest news

- in the planning profession, and keep up-to-date on recent developments in planning initiatives across Canada.
- A subscription to the PIBC e-News, PIBC's regular electronic newsletter containing the latest planning job postings, event information and other PIBC news.
 - Access to PIBC and CIP conferences, workshops, local events, and other professional networking events and activities as a member of the profession, usually at a reduced cost.
 - Eligibility for PIBC scholarships, bursaries, and other awards at CIP Recognized planning schools and programs.
 - Eligibility for the annual PIBC Education Committee Fellowship which allows student members from CIP Recognized planning schools and programs to attend and present at annual PIBC conferences.
 - Eligibility for PIBC student member conference funding which allows student members from CIP Recognized planning schools and programs to attend annual Canadian Association of Planning Students (CAPS) conferences, and annual PIBC conferences.
 - Eligibility to receive the first year of Student membership at no charge for first-time new student members, and continued membership at substantially reduced membership fee rates thereafter.
 - The opportunity to get involved as an active volunteer member of the profession.

Membership Application: Eligible students who wish to apply for Student membership can do so by downloading, printing off and completing the Application Form for Student Membership, available in the Student section of the PIBC website: www.pibc.bc.ca

All Student membership applications need to be signed by an appropriate School official to verify enrollment, and should be submitted by mail with the appropriate fee, when applicable.

Questions?

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