PROFESSION OF THE FUTURE

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ACADEMIC RELATIONS

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WHAT DOES AN INTERNAL AUDITOR DO?

There is a common misconception that Internal Auditors are focused primarily on accounting. In truth, the profession is much broader than that. Internal Auditors are the brain center of the organization. They review and make recommendations on every aspect of the organization, from developing and examining processes and procedures, confirming the accuracy of information, understanding risk and internal controls to reduce fraud, to improving the organization's effectiveness and more. Most Internal Auditors come from a variety of backgrounds including IT, engineering, marketing and finance to name a few.

FUTURE DEMAND

The global market demand for Internal Auditors far exceeds the professional supply. The demand for Internal Auditors today is unprecedented and is expected to increase annually as public and private companies and government entities continue to expand their audit needs in response to corporate reforms.

HIGHER ENTRY LEVEL SALARY

Reflecting the intense demand for professional Internal Auditors who possess the Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®) designation, the average starting salary at many large organizations has increased to attract more individuals to the profession.

A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES

Depending where you find yourself employed, whether it's for an internal audit service provider or a multinational organization, you will have the opportunity to travel around the world. And if you don't like to travel, you can easily find an internal audit position right in your own home town.

LIFE BALANCE

Internal Auditors have the opportunity to create a life balance few professions can offer. Organizations have become more cognizant of the need to enhance efforts to attract and retain talented Internal Auditors and have responded in numerous ways, including raising entry level salaries, providing more training and most importantly, offering employees a more flexible work schedule.

THE SKILLS

Today's employers are seeking candidates who have studied or majored in a wide variety of subjects such as engineering, economics, marketing, computer science, management information systems, finance or business and internal auditing.

In addition to the formal education requirements, Internal Auditors need to be well-rounded, logical, business-oriented professionals. And since Internal Auditors work with many people on all levels, exemplary interpersonal and written and oral communication skills are essential.

HANDS-ON TRAINING

The best way to learn more about internal auditing is to participate in a student internship. An internship will provide you with special insight into internal auditing, its working relationships and job-related responsibilities that textbooks cannot offer, not to mention invaluable personal and professional contacts you make. Plus, internships often turn into permanent jobs after graduation.

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paying higher entry level salaries, providing challenging and diversifi
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FAST TRACKING CAREER

Internal Auditors gain a much broader perspective of the organization as a whole and communicate and interact directly with senior management. They play a significant role in the organization and gain a broad based understanding of business, risk, and control and serve as an invaluable base of knowledge. That's why Internal Auditors are often promoted to management-level positions more quickly than other professions.

SOAR ABOVE THE CROWD

As might be expected, candidates holding professional certifications are in high demand. The professional designation for internal auditing, the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), is recognized by individuals and organizations throughout the world as "The Global Mark of Excellence in Internal Auditing and a manager's best credential." The CIA designation is awarded by The IIA to

qualified candidates who successfully complete a written examination and meet the necessary character, experience, and educational requirements. The CIA is recognized around the world.

Completion of the CIA exam offers students:

- An increased understanding of management issues, risks, and remedies;
- Access to more higher paying jobs;
- Personal satisfaction for attaining a globally recognized measure of competency.

THE PATH TO INTERNAL AUDITING

With the explosive growth of the profession during the last decade, more and more colleges and universities offer internal auditing courses. If you are interested in a career in internal auditing, check with your university's school of business or public administration.

To learn more about Internal Audit Education, please visit www.theiia.org/academic or e-mail us at academic@theiia.org.

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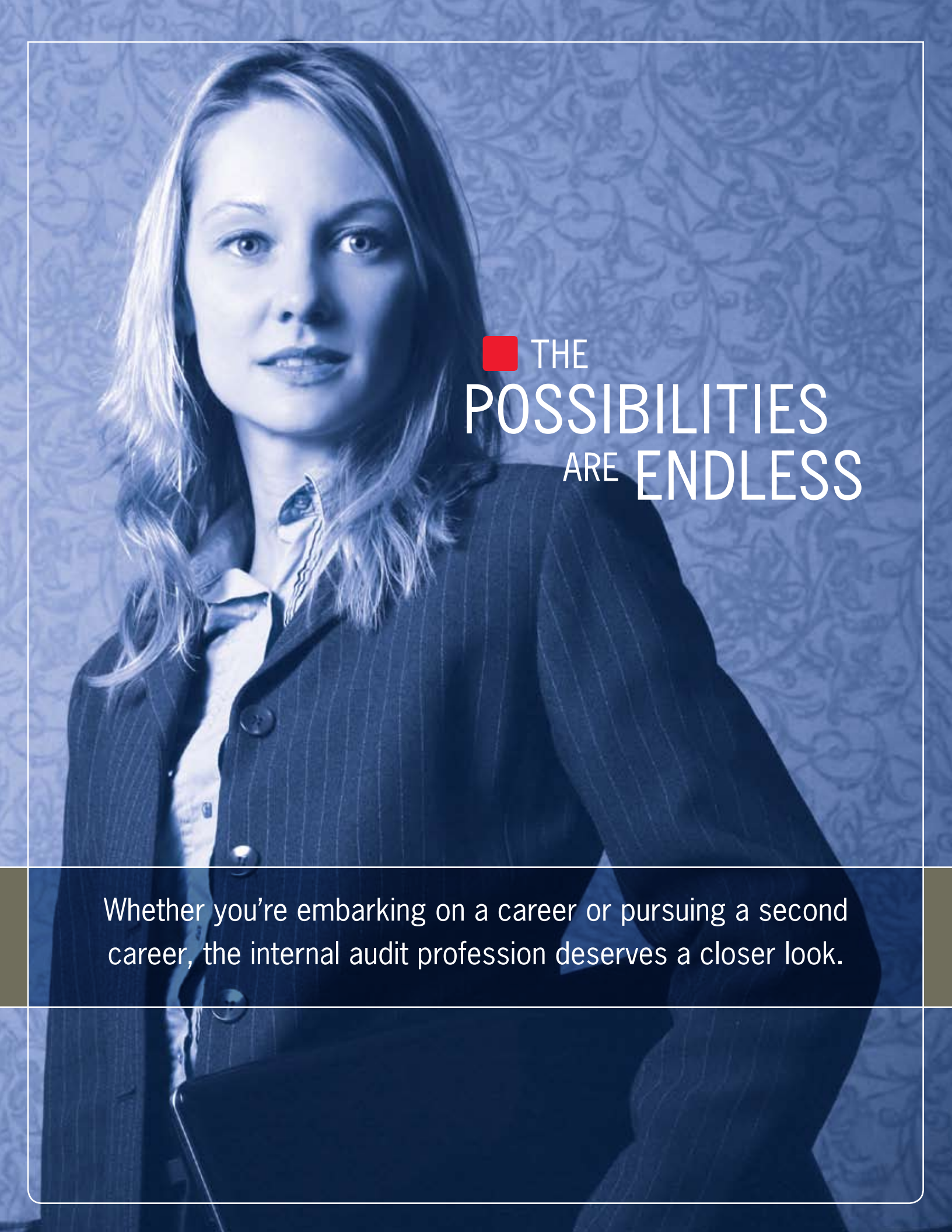

THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS

Whether you're embarking on a career or pursuing a second career, the internal audit profession deserves a closer look.

THE IIA IS HERE TO HELP

THE FUTURE IS YOURS TO COMMAND

One of the best ways to find out more about internal auditing is to join your local IIA chapter. Membership in The IIA can provide you with valuable opportunities to meet with those already practicing in the profession and to learn what you can do now to prepare yourself for a dynamic career in internal auditing. Many IIA chapters plan activities specifically for students and faculty.

Join The IIA now, rather than wait until you graduate, and gain an advantage over your peers who are competing for the same jobs.

Take control of your future by identifying and selecting a profession offering a great starting salary, travel benefits, opportunities for fast-paced advancement, life balance and more. Take a closer look at internal auditing now, before you graduate. Talk to your professors, faculty advisors, attend a chapter meeting or contact us, The Institute of Internal Auditors.

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