One of the Top Five In-Demand Professions Throughout the World

As a student, the possibilities for your career are endless. We aren’t here to convince you which path to choose, but to guide you to make the best decision for your future. Internal audit has everything you’re looking for—travel, a good salary, and the ability to make a difference in the world by ensuring companies are following through on their promises to stakeholders. No offense to accountants, but wouldn’t you rather your family ask you about your work trip to Cabo than if you’d do their taxes this year?

Join The IIA Today!

As a student, we know you want to save money and make a difference in the world. That’s why we want to help you do both—join The IIA now for free and enjoy the same member benefits as a post-grad member, PLUS our additional benefits for students.

Internal auditors help organizations keep their promises to stakeholders. Do you have a desire for justice? Are you looking for a fast-paced work environment? Do you want to make the world a better place? If you answered yes to any of the questions above, we suggest you explore a career in internal audit.

For starters, reach out to your professor or advisor to see if internal audit is the right fit for you. You can also contact us to learn more about the world of internal audit, and how free student membership with The IIA works.

The IIA wishes you luck in your upcoming studies (make sure to join that study group)!

To learn more about student membership at theiia.org/student or email StudentMembership@theiia.org.
A Career in Demand

It's basic economics. When there's a demand, people pay more. Global market demand for internal auditors exceeds the professional supply. The demand is unprecedented due to rapidly changing world events and regulations. All types of organizations, including NGOs, governments, local businesses, and Fortune 500 companies, continue to expand their audit needs and need you on their team.

Internal auditors' entry level salary after college is higher than the national average, and a Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®) makes even more. The IIA offers many certifications, including the globally recognized CIA®. College graduates with the CIA® designation can expect to earn more than non-certified colleagues.

As might be expected, candidates holding professional certifications are in high demand. The professional designation for internal auditing—the CIA®—is the only globally accepted certification for the profession and remains the standard by which practitioners demonstrate their competency and professionalism in the field. The CIA designation is awarded by The IIA to qualified candidates who successfully complete a three-part written examination and meet the character, experience, and educational requirements.

A Career on the Fast Track

Do you want to be that employee giving advice to the CEO? Like a consultant without the risk?

As an internal auditor, you will work closely with senior management. You naturally build an impressive network within your role, and senior management and boards will see you as a trusted advisor within their organization.

A World of Opportunities

Do you want to see the world? As an internal auditor, you can travel abroad on short or long-term assignments. You can even relocate on a temporary or permanent basis. Being a travel blogger isn’t the only way to travel the globe; with a career in internal audit, you can assess risk by day and jet-set by night.

So, What Is an Internal Auditor?

Internal auditors see every aspect of their organization and help add value to other business units. They develop and examine processes and procedures to help an organization achieve their strategic goals. They focus on risk and manage it to improve the organization’s effectiveness and culture. Worried you won’t be the right fit because of your major? Think again! Internal audit teams need a variety of backgrounds to be successful, adding diversity of thought into their roles will help organizations make a greater impact. No matter what you are studying, you are always welcome at The IIA.

Fuel Your Professional Ambitions

Benefits of the Internal Auditing Profession!

You’d be popular. Internal audit is one of the most in-demand roles in the world.

You’d have job security. The number of available jobs in internal auditing is predicted to keep growing.

You can take that epic vacation. The midpoint entry level salary is $73,500.

You Have the Skills

Move aside accounting—engineers, economists, tech gurus, data scientists, and many others are coming through. Internal audit teams are seeking different views to ensure their organization is successful. Imagine pairing accounting and finance brains with the brains of computer science majors—talk about a powerhouse team.

The Path to Internal Auditing

The internal audit profession is growing, and we can’t transform the future without you. If you’re interested in exploring internal audit, check with your advisor or your school’s career center to learn more. Additionally, check with your school of business to see what internal audit courses are offered.

To learn more about internal audit education, email us at StudentMembership@theiia.org.