

# Seattle Chapter



The Institute of  
**Internal Auditors**

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear IIA Seattle Chapter Members,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful month. Thank you to everyone who attended our March in person luncheon, on March 21, 2024 Internal Audit's Approach to Talent Management – Managing the People Risk. A special thanks to all of our panelists and speakers the topic is so relevant to our day to day. This month we are sending two of our officers to Florida for the annual IIA Leadership Conference and look forward to learning more about everything the Chapter has in store for us.

We are excited for our upcoming 2024 Fraud Conference, which will be held in person on May 9, 2024 from 8 am – 5 pm at the University of Washington. A special thanks to our returning sponsors, PwC, RSM and Protiviti. There are still sponsorship options available, please let us know if you are interested in becoming a conference sponsor. For registration to the event please see the link [here](#).

Please save the date for our Member Appreciation Event May 30, 2024 from 5 pm – 7 pm at Flatstick Pub in downtown Seattle.

We have several volunteer positions we are looking to fill, if you are passionate about academic relations, programming, member engagement, communications or want to volunteer your financial skills to support our treasurer we'd love to hear from you at [chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org](mailto:chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org).

Have a wonderful month!!!

Your Seattle Chapter IIA President  
Cynthia Behnen Gillison

# Chapter News and Events

Calling all volunteers!

We are seeking to fill 2 roles part of our Officer team for next year:

1) The VP Conferences position is a newly created role to place enhanced focus on our growing conferences. This role shall be responsible for overseeing the organization of the Chapter's annual conferences (such as the Fraud Conference, and the Data Analytics conference, or any new conferences), which will include but not be limited to assembling teams to oversee each conference, coordination of dates and venues, speakers, sponsors, and the overall running of the events.

2) Assistant Treasurer position helps the VP Treasurer with the monthly financial statement process in Quickbooks. They also provide other support throughout the year as needed. The Assistant Treasurer is the backup for the VP Treasurer in case of any absences or as succession.

Interested candidates should reach out to the chapter with their nomination or with any questions. The Chapter can be reached at [chapter34@iichaptercommunications.org](mailto:chapter34@iichaptercommunications.org).

Additionally, we are regularly looking for volunteers to assist with programming, academic relations, communications and secretarial duties. If you are interested in supporting your chapter (volunteers can earn up to 12 CPEs throughout the year), please also reach out to the chapter email address.

Thanks for your interest!

## Upcoming IIA Seattle Events

- May 9, 2024 (In-Person @ University of Washington) - 2024 Fraud Conference (See below for more details)
- May 30, 2024 (In-Person @ Flatstick Pub in downtown Seattle) - Annual Member General Meeting and Appreciation Event

### IIA Seattle Fraud Conference

In-person - May 9th, 2024 8:00 am - 5:00 pm PST

University of Washington's Seattle campus

Pricing - Early Bird special until 4/10/2023

Member : \$200

Non-member: \$250

[Register Here!](#)

Note: groups of 10 or more registrants will receive a 5% discount. All registrants must be added at the same time to receive the discount.



Through a collaborative effort of the internal audit community, the new Global Internal Audit Standards™ have arrived. They will elevate the profession and support practitioners in performing any audit, anywhere.

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The new Standards:

- Elevate the profession.
- Make what you need to know easily accessible.
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- Emphasize the quality of internal audit performance.
- Provide principles and requirements for delivering quality internal auditing.
- Help internal auditors be better partners to the board and senior management.
- Guide effective assurance and advisory services.
- Include a special section for the public sector.

***All Things Internal Audit:***  
**Introducing The IIA's New**  
**Artificial Intelligence Knowledge**  
**Center**

The IIA's New Artificial Intelligence Knowledge Center is a diverse selection of resources tailored to every learning style and need. In this episode, Anthony Pugliese, President and CEO of The IIA, joins Robert Perez, Senior Manager of Content, to preview some of the curated content available for members and non-members.

IIA members gain exclusive access to an extended version with bonus content at Podcasts and Video from The IIA.



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# IIA Seattle Events - Students

Are you teaching this quarter or work directly with students?

We encourage you to have them sign up for a FREE student membership! They will get access to:

- Internal Auditor Magazine
- Member only discounts
- Scholarship opportunity

Students can use the code: IIA Student. They likely do not want to go by themselves. However, a group of students from a class or as a guest with a professor can be a great learning/networking opportunity.

Reach out to [chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org](mailto:chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org) with any questions!

*Austin Bailey, Seattle  
VP Academic Relations*



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**1** Create an IIA Account.  
<https://register.theiia.org/>

**2** Log into the site below and submit a student application.  
<https://myiia.theiia.org/Student/Index>

## The Institute of Internal Auditors - Seattle Chapter 2023-24 Scholarship Application

The IIA is the internal audit profession's global voice, recognized authority, acknowledged leader, chief advocate, and principal educator. Members work in internal auditing, risk management, governance, internal control, information technology audit, education, and security.

The Seattle chapter is pleased to offer scholarships each year to students pursuing a career in internal audit attending a Washington State community college or university. Undergraduate, graduate, and PhD candidates in business, accounting, finance, or related fields having completed at least three semesters (four quarters) are encouraged to apply. Scholarship(s) will be awarded based on scholastic achievement, educational and career goals and community involvement. Financial need is not a consideration for this scholarship. Scholarship monies are to be applied towards tuition or other expenses paid directly to the college or university. Scholarships are non-renewable and ensuring the funds can be used for the applicable quarter/semester/year lies solely with the student. The number and dollar amount of each scholarship awarded depends on the number of qualified applications received, not to exceed \$2,500 each. Please include a completed application including all elements noted below. The application deadline is Friday March 29, 2024.

### What you will need to apply:

1. Become a student member of the IIA Seattle Chapter (for free) prior to your application.
2. Email all components of the application to [IIAPugetSoundScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:IIAPugetSoundScholarship@gmail.com):
  - Completed application form (including essays)
  - Unofficial transcripts from the college or university you currently attend and any that you attended previously.
  - Current resume that includes any internships (paid or unpaid), jobs, awards, volunteer positions or leadership roles on campus or in the community.
3. Have at least one reference submit a letter of recommendation separately (the letter of reference should come directly from the source, not submitted by you) to [IIAPugetSoundScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:IIAPugetSoundScholarship@gmail.com). We encourage your letter to be from a professor, mentor, supervisor, or similar relationship who can speak to your character as a student, your interest in internal audit, etc. Please refrain from using any family members or friends as references.

Please direct any additional questions to [IIAPugetSoundScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:IIAPugetSoundScholarship@gmail.com)

# Scholarship Application

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## Contact Information

Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Phone Number	
E-Mail Address	

## Reference Information

Name	
E-Mail Address	
Relation	

Please have your reference submit their letter of recommendation, separate from this application, to [IIAPugetSoundScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:IIAPugetSoundScholarship@gmail.com).

## Essay Questions (500 word max each)

Why are you interested in pursuing a career in Internal Audit?

What impact would being awarded this scholarship have on your educational and career goals?



## Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am awarded a scholarship, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in forfeiture of award money.

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	

# Certification



## Carrie Pokrefke



I pursued my CIA certification because I'm driven by a passion for learning and growth, and a desire to be a role model for other auditors. This certification not only deepened my expertise in internal auditing but also underscored my commitment to lifelong learning. The journey motivated me to continue my education, leading me back to school so I can prepare for the CPA exam. The impact has been profound, enhancing my professional capabilities and opening new avenues.

## Matt Nichols



I became a CIA to expand my knowledge of best practices in the internal audit profession and improve the consistency of my approach to new challenges. My team consists of multiple CIAs who helped by providing their experience with a more in depth understanding of the International Professional Practices Framework. I plan on using the designation to promote career advancement and personal credibility within my current organization.

# Certification

## Pricing

**The IIA is increasing the price for the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) and Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA) application and exam registration fees.**

The price increase is due to an increase in the candidate seat fee by our exam delivery vendor, the costs to develop, translate, deliver, and secure the exam have increased over the past two years. The price increase will take effect globally on 1 July 2024, except for the CIA Challenge Exams which will take effect 1 April 2024.

### 2024 CERTIFICATION EXAM PRICE - EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 2024

	Member	Non-Member	Student
CIA Application	US \$120	US \$240	US\$65
CIA Part 1 Exam	US \$310	US \$445	US\$245
CIA Part 2 Exam	US \$280	US \$415	US\$215
CIA Part 3 Exam	US \$280	US \$415	US\$215

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## CIA Challenge Exam

The more focused path to Certification

The CIA Challenge Exam is your chance to join the more than 185,000 CIAs who have achieved this highly respected global certification.

As a CISA™ holder or an active CPA or CA holder, you can take advantage of this limited opportunity to earn the Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®) designation through an expedited process called the CIA Challenge Exam. This expedited process allows you to obtain the CIA designation after successfully passing the one-part examination.

The CIA Challenge Exam only includes content not covered on your CISA™, CPA or CA exam, saving you time and money.

### **CISA?**

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# IIA HQ News and Events

## 2024 Analytics, Automation and AI Virtual Conference

This one-day virtual conference will focus on how organizations and government agencies are using data literacy, data analytics, automation, and AI. Attendees will gain the latest insight on how to approach internal audit activities related to the assessments of analytics, automation, and AI.

APR 18, 2024 | Virtual Only

## 2024 Global Student Conference

Connect with fellow students and educators, learn key competencies for becoming an effective internal auditor, and gain strategies to help exceed both current educators' and future employers' expectations.

APR 28 - 30, 2024 | ORLANDO, FLORIDA

## 2024 Sustainability Audit Risk Assurance Virtual Conference

The Sustainability Audit Risk Assurance Virtual Conference is a one-day conference. It is specifically designed (1) to ensure participants will walk away with a greater understanding of the current regulatory environment related to ESG, (2) ways to impact the future of their organizations ESG strategies, and (3) new innovative techniques to access ESG controls and identify emerging ESG risks.

JUNE 20, 2024 | VIRTUAL, ONLY

## 2024 International Conference

Join us in person and virtually as we bring together experts from across the globe to address the issues impacting the profession, network with fellow internal auditors from 100+ countries, share ideas, and earn CPE credits.

JUL 15 - 17, 2024 | WASHINGTON, DC

## Fundraising for the Foundation - Make an Impact

Thanks to generous donors, the Internal Audit Foundation funds cutting-edge research, creates groundbreaking content, and supports academic programs, curriculum, grants, and scholarships. Support the future of the profession and make a significant impact by [donating today](#).

# Quality Services

IIA Quality Services helps validate and strengthen your internal audit activity and enhances your effectiveness, efficiency, and successful practice implementation.

As a trusted source in the profession, we have helped hundreds of organizations in various industries and around the world by providing qualified audit professionals, a global benchmarking database, and a repository of successful practices. We assist CAEs in gaining support from the audit committee, enhance understanding of why an external assessment is necessary and valuable, and describe the different approaches.

For questions about our services, please contact IIA Quality Services at [quality@theiia.org](mailto:quality@theiia.org) or read more here.

## Certification Online Testing Available Now

To support the continued professional development of certification candidates around the world and in response to mass Pearson VUE test center closures due to COVID-19, The IIA has adopted online testing to enable candidates to take the Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®), Certification in Risk Management Assurance® (CRMA®), and CIA Challenge exams from home. This flexible testing option will be available for a limited time..

[IIA Certification Information](#)