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The Institute of Internal Auditors®
Seattle Chapter

Hey Students!

Get Involved with IIA Seattle!

Take advantage of great benefits, expand your network, and build your future in internal audit!

Renew Your IIA Membership

Students enrolled in 6+ credits receive free student memberships through the IIA for up to six years. Students must reapply annually to renew membership.

Please renew your membership or, if you have graduated, convert to an individual membership so you don't miss out on membership benefits!

Student Volunteers (Academic Relations)

We're looking for a student volunteer from each school to join our Academic Relations Committee. Be the lead point of contact for your school, help organize IIA Seattle attendance at campus events, and work closely with your peers and the **VP of Academic Relations.**

Social Media Volunteer

Do you love a good TikTok? Are you up to date with the latest trends and sounds? Support our Communications Committee by helping to grow our social media presence!

Interested in either opportunity? Reach out to chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org with your interest!

Student Member Benefits

Grants & Scholarships

Take advantage of financial aid opportunities through scholarships and grants, and explore universities offering an internal audit curriculum.

Career Resources

Navigate your career path with ease at our Career Center, which offers everything from resume advice to job opportunities.

IGNITE Emerging Leaders + Global Student Conference

20 February 2027 | Hybrid

A global event resource for students to build professional knowledge, develop leadership skills, and connect with peers and internal audit professionals from around the world.

Save on IIA Credentials

Student Members get exclusive savings on certifications like the Internal Audit Practitioner (IAP)—a great first step for your internal audit career. Start early, boost your resume, and stand out to employers

Join today for free student membership!

Get Involved and Volunteer with the IIA Seattle Chapter

- Meet professionals and make connections
- Connect with peers
- Earn scholarships
- Improve career prospects
- Support campus outreach



Reach out to chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org to learn more!

STUDENTS

INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

IIA Seattle Scholarship Program

UP TO

$2,500

to support tuition and education expenses

APPLY BY
DEC 31

WHO CAN APPLY

- Undergraduate juniors or higher
- Fifth-year, master's and PhD students
- Community college transfers welcome

WHAT YOU NEED

- Attend an accredited Washington school
- Be enrolled for the 2027-28 academic year
- Active IIA student membership
- Pursuing a career in Internal Audit

Scholarships are paid directly to the accredited college or university.

VIEW DETAILS & APPLY

Scholarship Guidelines:

Scholarship award is up to $2,500 to be applied towards tuition or other expenses at the college or university.

Scholarship monies are paid directly to the accredited college or university listed on the application and cannot be paid directly to the student.

Scholarships are non-renewable.

Responsibility for ensuring that the monies can be used for the semester/quarter/year granted lies solely with the student.

The scholarship application packet can be found on the IIA Seattle Chapter website at: https://www.theiia.org/en/chapters/united-states/Washington/Seattle/



MEET OUR CHAPTER LEADERS

Hello IIA Seattle Members,
You will enjoy this great career story.

This month we meet Patrick Johnson, one of our newest chapter Board Members, and as his side job, as the Deputy Executive Director for Internal Audit at Sound Transit.

“So Patrick, how did you get started in auditing? My background was about as far from auditing as you can get. I served as an Aviation Operations Specialist, where I helped manage the operations side of military airfields, and I also spent a memorable four-year assignment in Quantico, Virginia, supporting presidential helicopter operations with HMX-1 (or Marine One) the squadron responsible for presidential transporation during the George W. Bush administration.

At the time, I never imagined that auditing would become my career. But like many great opportunities in life, it found me when I wasn't looking for it.

My first civilian job was as a Regional Operations Manager for a logistics contractor at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. After several years and a variety of roles with the company, I accepted an opportunity to become a Senior Quality Assurance Auditor supporting NATO operations in Afghanistan.

Around the same time, our regional contract was going through an ISO 9001 quality certification audit. During one of the audit reviews, the auditor, who was in his late 60s, learned that I was leaving to take on the new role. Before he left, he smiled and said, “You’ll love being an auditor.”



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It was a simple comment, but it stuck with me. Looking back, he was absolutely right.

I quickly got up to speed on learning and performing 3rd line Quality, Safety and Environmental standards auditing; and along the way got really good at becoming a jack of all trades and master of none of them.

Fast forward 15 years later, I've had the opportunity to work in audit and assurance roles across government contracting, aviation, and public service, including time at Seattle Public Utilities. Each role has taught me something new and reinforced why I love our profession.

Today, I'm fortunate to lead the Internal Audit team at Sound Transit, where I get to help improve accountability, strengthen operations, and support the agency's mission to serve our communities.

What started as a career opportunity turned into a profession I genuinely enjoy, and I have not looked back since.

Interesting story about my audit life: I can say I’ve been influential in at least 2 former interns that worked have become Sr. level internal auditors and one other has become part of the State Auditor’s office here in Seattle. With the right leadership and right guidance, anything is possible.

The Institute of Internal Auditors
Seattle

Stronger Professionals. Stronger Communities.

Find your place. Make an impact.

Volunteer with IIA Seattle

Share your skills. Build connections. Help advance the profession.



Ways to Volunteer

We have opportunities for a variety of interests, skills and time commitments. Here are just a few:

Events & Conferences

- Welcome attendees
- Support registration
- Help with event logistics
- Support virtual events and our online event tool (training provided)

Membership & Community

- Welcome new members
- Build connections
- Support member engagement
- Celebrate member milestones

Communications

- Write and prepare thought leadership
- Create targeted email communications
- Share chapter stories
- Support newsletters and social media

Students & Universities

- Connect with students
- Support campus outreach
- Participate in career panels
- Mentor and share professional insights

Volunteer Benefits

- ✓ Earn up to 10 CPE credits as a committee volunteer
- ✓ Earn 15 CPE credits for an officer or board role
- ✓ Meet other peers and professionals and make connections
- ✓ Improve career prospects
- ✓ Free access to our events

Volunteer Trajectory

Grow with Us

1. Start on a committee or volunteer in a targeted role
2. Move into an Officer role*
3. Progress to Senior Vice President then President*
4. Become a Board Member*

**These roles are filled through an annual nomination and election process.*

Time Commitment

- ✓ We can align opportunities to what you have to offer
- ✓ Ranges from 2 hours per month to a few hours each week
- ✓ We're flexible!

Who Can Volunteer?

Volunteers must be active IIA members in good standing.

Interested? Let's connect!

Email us at **chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org** to learn more about current opportunities.

GET INVOLVED >

One task. A stronger community.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Two timely conversations. Practical insight. CPE included.

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ETHICS & FRAUD

IN THE AGE OF AI

VIRTUAL | 2 ETHICS CPE

- Emerging ethical challenges
- Fraud risks in an AI-enabled world
- IIA West District 1 collaboration

$35 MEMBERS | $50 NON-MEMBERS

REGISTER

DEC
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AI MEETS CYBERSECURITY

THE NEXT FRONTIER FOR INTERNAL AUDIT

8:30-11:00 AM | U.S. BANK CENTRE, SEATTLE

- How AI agents scale cyber functions
- New security and control risks
- How Internal Audit can evaluate AI agents

IN-PERSON | 1420 5TH AVE

REGISTER

Upcoming Conferences

2026 Cybersecurity Virtual Conference
November 12, 2026 | Virtual | 7.2 CPE
Join cybersecurity and internal audit professionals at The IIA's 2026 Cybersecurity Virtual Conference. This one-day virtual training event is built for internal auditors, cybersecurity, fraud, and risk professionals who protect, assess, and respond to cyber risk every day.
Whether you assess controls, advise leadership, or lead cyber risk strategy, this conference equips you to navigate disruption, reduce vulnerabilities, and align internal audit with cybersecurity priorities.
Register here

2027 Fraud Virtual Conference
February 12th 2026 | Virtual | 8.4 CPE
From whistleblowing and corruption to culture, controls, and multimillion-dollar schemes, this one-day virtual conference explores the fraud risks challenging organizations—and what internal audit can do to strengthen deterrence, detection, and response.
Register here

Mar 22 - 24, 2027 | Las Vegas, Nevada
GAM: Great Audit Minds Conference
GAM 2027, The IIA's conference for internal audit leaders, runs March 22–24 in Las Vegas. Explore AI assurance, geopolitical risk, and audit technology.
Early Registration Now Open
Rates increase November 21, 2026
Register here

QUALITY CORNER

IS YOUR AUDIT FUNCTION READY?

Three questions every CAE should be able to answer.

01

WHEN WAS YOUR LAST EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSESSMENT?

The Global Internal Audit Standards require an external assessment at least once every five years.

02

CAN YOU DEMONSTRATE CONFORMANCE?

Be ready to show how your methodology, governance, people and performance align with the Standards.

03

DOES THE AUDIT COMMITTEE UNDERSTAND THE VALUE?

Position the assessment as an opportunity to strengthen credibility, effectiveness and stakeholder confidence.

NEED SUPPORT?

IIA QUALITY SERVICES

External assessments | Readiness support | Benchmarking

LEARN MORE

CERTIFICATIONS

THEY DID IT!

Celebrating members who reached an important professional milestone.

CONGRATULATIONS

CRMA

Danfen Lin

Certification earned

IAP

James-Ray McCrumb

Certification earned

READY FOR YOUR NEXT STEP?

IAP

BUILD YOUR FOUNDATION

A practical, cost-effective designation for professionals building credibility in Internal Audit. Passed CIA Part 1? You may already be eligible.

LEARN MORE

CRMA

LEAD IN RISK ASSURANCE

Showcase your expertise in governance and risk management assurance. No CIA is required to apply.

125 QUESTIONS | 150 MINUTES

LEARN MORE

CERTIFICATION PRICING

PLAN AHEAD. SAVE.

Current exam pricing ends January 3, 2027 at midnight ET.

FEES ARE

GOING UP.

LOCK IN CURRENT PRICING BY

JAN 3

NEW RATES: JAN 4

BEFORE YOU REGISTER

1. **180 DAYS**
   Exam registrations are valid for 180 days.

2. **PLAN REALISTICALLY**
   Register only for exam parts you expect to take during that period.

3. **COMPLETE PAYMENT**
   Registration and payment must both be completed by the deadline.

REVIEW 2027 PRICING