

Seattle Chapter



The Institute of
**Internal
Auditors**

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MEET OUR CHAPTER LEADERS

Hello IIA Seattle Members,

Meet our volunteer leadership, and please consider volunteering for our profession as well. It's a great opportunity to learn leadership and make professional connections.

This month we meet Priya Sall, our VP Academic Relations, and as her side job, Executive Director Internal Audit at Western Washington University.

Priya, how did you get a start in this profession?

Due to a very unpleasant auditing class in college, I was set on going into tax after graduation. I started at a CPA firm in international tax until I had the opportunity to move to the public sector at the State Auditor's Office, where we performed external audits of various entities. One audit I led annually was the external audit of WWU, one of the few public-sector entities with an internal audit department. It was my dream job. When a position opened at WWU (my alma mater), I excitedly took the opportunity to pivot into internal audit. I also pursued my CIA certification and have been in the field ever since.

Wow! I can't believe you would have thought tax was more fun than internal audit!

You must have some interesting stories from your audit life?

One unusual story from my professional life is from my time at the State Auditor's Office, when we audited a port. The office space they gave us was in a warehouse that was partially leased to a salsa manufacturer. I never knew large-scale salsa manufacturing smelled like a paint factory. The audit team needed to take breaks and walk outside every couple of hours to get fresh air. We think they wanted to speed up the onsite portion of the audit, so they decided to give us that "office space."

Thanks Priya for sharing your insights!

VOLUNTEERING

We are looking for volunteers to help with Chapter programming. There are several different roles that we are looking to fill:

- Event organization:
 - Determining topic
 - Finding and securing speaker(s) or panelist(s)
 - Drafting communications to advertise the event (to be advertised in our newsletter, linkedin and by email)
 - Answering questions about event logistics
- During the event:
 - Hosting the meeting - welcoming and introducing speaker(s) / panelist(s), providing announcements, closing the meeting
 - Monitoring Q&A
 - Taking attendance and reporting attendance for CPE purposes
- Post-event:
 - Monitor results of post-event survey
 - Reconcile attendance for issuing CPE certificates
 - Drafting an event recap for our newsletter and LinkedIn

STUDENTS

Scholarship Program 2026-27

The Institute of Internal Auditors Seattle Chapter is pleased to offer scholarships of up to \$2,500 to students attending an accredited college or university in the state of Washington for the 2026-2027 school year. The application deadline is Thursday, December 31, 2026.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be an undergraduate entering their junior year or higher in fall 2026, a fifth-year student, a master's student, or a PhD candidate. Community college transfers are also encouraged to apply. Students must attend an accredited college or university in Washington State.*
- Students must be enrolled for the upcoming 2027-2028 academic year at an accredited college or university in the State of Washington, as the scholarships will be disbursed in May 2027 for the upcoming school year and paid directly to the college or university.*
- Be actively pursuing a career in Internal Audit.*
- Have an active IIA Membership (IIA Membership is free for students).*

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/>

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

***LOOK OUT FOR UPCOMING
REGISTRATION DETAILS!***

***VIRTUAL ETHICS EVENT (2 CPE) - NOVEMBER
17TH. \$35 FOR MEMBERS, \$50 FOR NON-
MEMBERS. DETAILS AND REGISTRATION WILL BE
PUBLISHED SOON.***

***DECEMBER - IN-PERSON CPE AND NETWORKING
EVENT.***

RECENT CHAPTER EVENTS

IIA Seattle were excited to partner with Deloitte and KPMG recently for two fantastic in person events at their offices:

The Strategic Auditor: Thinking Critically and Communicating with Influence

We gathered on Tuesday, September 29th for a CPE-eligible session designed to strengthen the skills that drive Internal Audit's impact. Explore practical approaches to ethical decision-making, strategic and critical thinking, professional presence, and effective communication. Continue the conversation afterward during happy hour and network with your fellow IIA members.

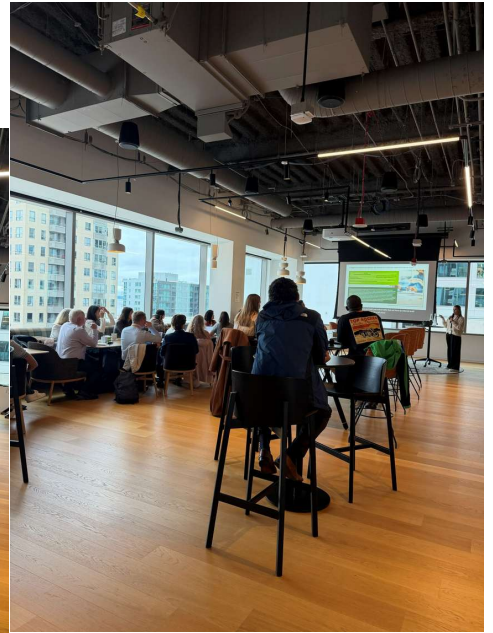
Location: The office of Deloitte at 1015 2nd Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104.

AI in Internal Audit

Wednesday October 7th, 9-11am In-Person (Seattle): at the offices of KPMG

Breakfast while discovering the use of AI in Internal Audit led by KPMG's AI thought leaders.

Please look out for more events which are in the pipeline and being planned by your volunteer IIA Chapter leadership and volunteers



IIA Fall opener at the office of Deloitte





IIA and KPMG event on AI in Internal audit



Upcoming Conferences

2026 IGNITE Conference

Nov. 2-3, 2026 | Washington, DC & Virtual | 20+ CPEs

Grand Hyatt Washington | Washington, DC

Where momentum becomes movement.

IGNITE is where emerging audit leaders go from inspiration to action, building the leadership, communication, and risk skills to step into what's next.

Register [here](#)

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](#)



CYBER RISK SYMPOSIUM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Join us on Tuesday, October 27 in Bellevue, WA for the CPCU Society Cyber Risk Symposium — a one-day event featuring expert insights, emerging cyber risk trends, and valuable networking with leaders in risk, insurance, AI and cybersecurity.

Register @ PNWRiskLeaders.org



We warmly invite you and your colleagues to the 2026 Fall RSKA Forum, hosted virtually by Seattle University on Thursday, October 22, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. PST. IIA Seattle members can register with a discount [HERE](#) using the Promo Code iia20.

“Internal Audit in the AI Era: From Evidence to Influence” is a dynamic virtual forum for risk, assurance, advisory, compliance, and accounting professionals, educators, and students eager to understand the power of AI. Earn up to 4 CPE credits and learn with a panel of experts from industry leaders.

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY | MEMBERSHIP OF
INTERNAL AUDIT SOCIETY

**INTERNAL AUDIT
IN THE AI ERA**

FROM EVIDENCE TO INFLUENCE

OCT. 22, 2026 →→→ **8:00AM-12:30PM**

→→ **VIRTUAL EVENT WITH INDUSTRY LEADERS** ←←

1 What Is Changing?
Mike Levy
CEO & Managing Principal,
Cherry Hill Advisory

2 How Do We Interpret IT?
Rachel Nelson
Director,
CE Services Internal Audit
Analysis & Innovation Team

3 Who Owns IT?
Bonnie Tse
Internal Audit Manager,
Hewlett

4 How Do We Govern IT?
Roger Shiltz
Head of Solutions,
Altera

REGISTER HERE!

With thanks to:

ACCA **IMA** **ISACA**

10-15 4 CPE CREDITS

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 or read more [here](#).

Certifications

We know folks are working hard to qualify as CIA - so best wishes to you all!

The following earned certifications recently:

Travis Lee Carbon- CRMA

Allysun Hoffman- IAP

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH!

Boost Your Audit Career with the IAP Designation

Looking to stand out in the audit profession? The Internal Audit Practitioner (IAP) designation is a cost-effective way to build credibility, gain recognition, and advance your career. If you've passed Part 1 of the CIA exam, you're already eligible. Get started today at the link below.

https://lnkd.in/g7NN_3gJ

Earn Your CRMA- Certification in Risk Management Assurance

Showcase your expertise in risk assurance with the CRMA designation.

At a Glance:

125 questions | 150-minute exam administered at test centers

No CIA required to apply

2 years to complete after application approval

[Learn more: https://lnkd.in/gA7JGRc8](https://lnkd.in/gA7JGRc8)

Key updates to the CIA Challenge Exam program include the relaunch of the updated exam and a new experience-based pathway. Below are the highlights:

1. Updated, Unified Exam for All Eligible Candidates

Effective 6/1/26, the CIA Challenge Exam will be relaunched to align with the Global Internal Audit Standards. All eligible candidates, regardless of their credential, will take the same exam.

The updated syllabus is available and accessibility is expanding to include recognition of 17 additional accounting bodies.

2. New Experience-Based Pathway (6 month Pilot)

A new pilot pathway is being introduced for professionals with 10+ years of internal audit or related experience. It complements existing routes for credentialed accountants and CISA holders and targets chief audit executives and experienced internal auditors without the CIA. The 6 month pilot will include testing windows in June, September and November.

3. Testing Windows

From 4/1/26, applications will be accepted year-round instead of set windows. The Challenge Exam will have 4 testing windows a year: February, June, September, and November 2026. The June 2026 sitting will support data collection to set a reliable passing standard. Results for June candidates will be issued within 8 weeks.

4. Study Materials

Study materials are now sold separately, through The IIA's exam partner Becker.

Effective May 28, 2025, IIA Certifications testing has transitioned back to test center-only delivery. Online proctoring will be permanently discontinued. The last day to register for online proctored exams is May 1. For further questions, please submit a case in CCMS.

The new Global Internal Audit Standards are effective. It's a great time to refresh your knowledge by visiting the IIA's resources at Global Internal Audit Standards.

IIA Partners With Becker Professional Education. The CIA Exam Review platform is transitioning to Becker's new CIA Exam Review course, which features updated content aligned with the new CIA syllabi and upcoming exams. For additional details, visit <https://lnkd.in/gSxQ-dCB>

- Cybersecurity Topical Requirement Effective February 2026

The IIA's mandatory IPPF requirement provides a consistent, comprehensive approach to assessing the design and implementation of cybersecurity governance, risk management, and controls. A companion user guide is available [Here](https://www.theiia.org/en/standards/2024-standards/topical-requirements/cybersecurity/) to assist with its application. <https://www.theiia.org/en/standards/2024-standards/topical-requirements/cybersecurity/>

- Lead with Strategy

Discover how to create a vision, set objectives, and implement initiatives for audit excellence. The IIA's new practice guide provides practical tools, examples for every audit leader, and a strategic plan template [here](#).