

From Classroom to Career:

Pathway to Becoming an Internal Auditor

Explore the diverse routes, from educational backgrounds to skill development, that can lead to a successful career in internal audit. Discover how your unique academic journey can pave the way to success in this growing profession.

What does an internal auditor do?

An internal auditor provides recommendations to improve an organization's effectiveness, assesses and communicates organizational risks, evaluates and recommends cost savings and process improvement opportunities, and investigates fraud.



Build Valued Skills

- Skills sought by internal audit hiring managers:
- Communication
 - Critical thinking
 - Data analytics and visualization
 - Proactive initiative
 - Leadership skills

Did you know?

The Internal Audit Practitioner designation serves as a catalyst for advancing skills and showcasing professional growth.

Develop a Plan to Sit for the Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®) Exam

Achieving the CIA® designation signifies a pinnacle of excellence within the profession.

Take Part in an Internship

Gain practical knowledge and increase your hiring potential by participating in an internal audit internship.

Did you know?

74% of those offering internal audit internships say they are designed to lead to permanent employment.



Obtain a Post-Secondary Degree

Areas of study preferred by internal audit hiring managers:

- Accounting
- Auditing
- Business
- Computer Science / Information Technology (IT)
- Finance

Gain Exposure to the Profession

Join The IIA: Student Membership is free to all students in North America and participating countries.

Network with professionals: Participate in local events through IIA chapters and global institutes to build relationships.

Connect with a mentor: Apply for the Emerging Leaders Mentoring Program.

Career Growth:

The Journey to Chief Audit Executive

An internal audit career offers variety, creativity, and opportunities for advancement. Career advancement can be achieved through on-the-job learning, leveraging technology, and developing communication skills.

What is a CAE?

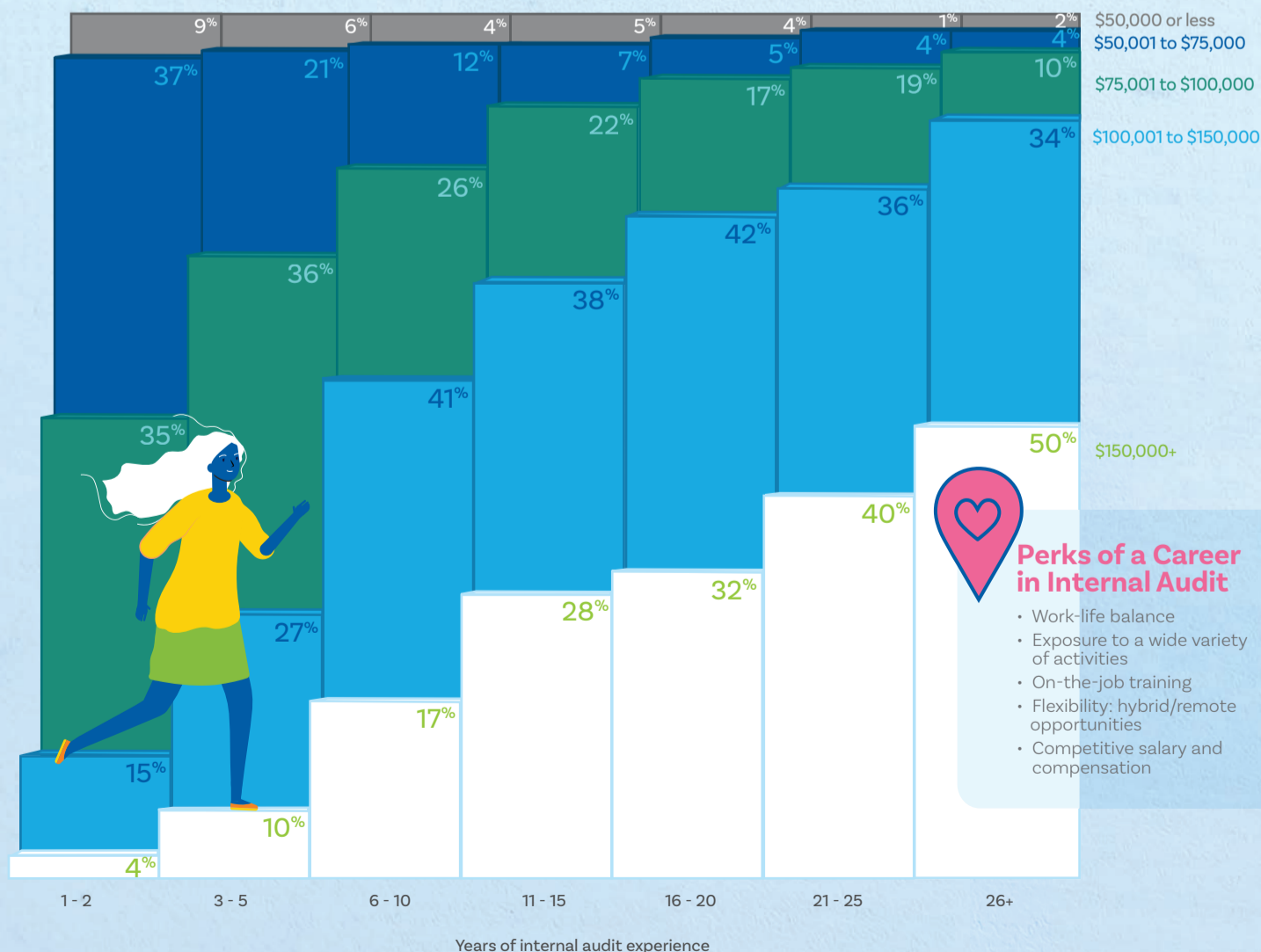
The Chief Audit Executive (CAE) or head of internal audit is a pivotal role within an organization, responsible for overseeing and managing the internal audit function and often additional areas outside of internal audit. Advancing to this role involves a combination of education, experience, and strategic career planning.



Keys to Career Advancement:

- Become a Certified Internal Auditor®
- Learn to analyze complex issues
- Show initiative, problem-solving skills, and self-motivation
- Develop analytical and evaluative skills
- Familiarize yourself with emerging technologies

Internal Audit Salary Increases Steadily as Career Progresses



Perks of a Career in Internal Audit

- Work-life balance
- Exposure to a wide variety of activities
- On-the-job training
- Flexibility: hybrid/remote opportunities
- Competitive salary and compensation