

STUDENTupdate

The AIBC is a self-governing body dedicated to excellence in the profession of architecture for the benefit of its membership, society and the environment. Through our many community initiatives, professional programs and partnerships with other professional organizations throughout the province and across the country, we strive to be effective and successful ambassadors on behalf of the profession, its practitioners and British Columbia.



This is the the inaugural issue of the AIBC Student Update, a publication that will introduce the various types of architectural careers and opportunities that are available to you. This issue features Intern Architects and the value of membership in the AIBC. Stay tuned for future editions!

| Become a Student Member of the AIBC! What's in it for you?

There are lots of perks to being a Student Member of the AIBC. First and foremost, membership is absolutely FREE! You'll get all of the AIBC's publications, including *eNews* and the AIBC's quarterly magazine, *architectureBC*. Plus, you'll have access to the AIBC's Member Benefits. That means that you'll qualify for discounts on things like sports and theatre tickets, cell phone plans and more. You'll receive invitations to AIBC Architecture Gallery openings and get to network with Members. Get the details at www.aibc.ca/aibc/member_benefits/index.html. Join the 200 Student Members already signed up. To join, go to www.aibc.ca/member_resources/registration/index.html.

| What is an Intern? or the 3 E's and You

An Intern Architect, or IA, is an Associate Member of the AIBC who is working towards completing the post-graduate requirements of the Intern Architect Program (IAP). The IAP requirements include:

a) Education, b) Experience and c) Examination. To find out more about the IAP, visit www.aibc.ca/member_resources/intern_resources/index.html.

An Intern Technologist, or IAT, is an Associate Member of the AIBC who is working towards completing the post-graduate requirements of the Architectural Technologist Program. The requirements are similar to the IAP: you require **Education, Experience and Examinations** in order to register. To find out more, visit www.aibc.ca/member_resources/registration/technologist_program.html.

| What are the steps to becoming an Intern Architect?

- Graduate with a formal degree in architecture.
- Have your education certified by the Canadian Architectural Certification Board ("CACB"). You can find the application at www.cacb.ca.
- Review the information about the IAP at www.aibc.ca/member_resources/intern_resources/index.html.
- Complete the Intern Architect application package, which can be found in the above-mentioned section of the AIBC website.
- Submit the application package to the Registration Coordinator at the AIBC.

For more information about the application process, please contact registration@aibc.ca.

| What are the steps to becoming an Intern Architectural Technologist?

- Graduate from an AIBC-approved technology diploma or degree program.
- Apply with the AIBC as an Intern Architectural Technologist.
- Once you have gained two years of related work experience, you can write the AT Exam. At least one year of your work experience must be directly under the supervision of a registered architect.
- Pass the exam and become an Architectural Technologist (AT.AIBC).

| Did you know...

The AIBC IAP and Architectural Technologist Program are opportunities for you to gain the experience required to become registered while earning money and working in your desired field!

Ask an Intern by Sean Ruthen IA.AIBC



2006 Intern Committee (Lisa Kwan, Patrick Shilling, Bitu Ardabili, Sean Ruthen, Jane Thomsett, Varouj Gumuchian, Anthony Milkovich)

During my two years as the Intern Representative to Council, I had the opportunity to visit my old alma mater, the UBC School of Architecture, with members of Council and staff from the Institute. The intent of these visits to schools of architecture in the Lower Mainland is to not only increase the visibility of the AIBC and its activities, but to inform students of the process of registration following graduation. Here are some of the most frequently asked questions while on these visits:

I have my Master of Architecture. Now what?

Go to Europe. Seriously though, the first thing you'll want to do is have your degree certified by the Canadian Architecture Certification Board, or CACB. This is the board that regularly visits all the accredited schools of architecture in Canada (there are presently 10 of them) to assure their curriculum is valid as a professional degree. It is wise to do this sooner rather than later, as the longer you wait, the longer it will take to get it certified. Once it is certified, you will be given a certificate number which you can then use to begin your internship in whichever provincial jurisdiction you reside.

Do I need a mentor? How do I find one?

The current registration model, regardless of jurisdiction, requires Interns to have a professional architect oversee his or her progress, above and beyond the employer. The Intern typically meets with their mentor semi-annually, which coincides with the 1,000 hours which is the maximum an Intern can log at any one time.

Can the AIBC help me find a job?

Yes, a feature of the AIBC website is the Classifieds section, which has job listings. The listings are updated regularly, and they work – I got my first job using the website!

What is a log book?

The log book, the *Canadian Experience Record Book* (CERB), is where you record the experience required to be eligible for licensing, as mandated by the *Architects Act*.

How many hours of work experience prior to becoming an Intern can I log?

The log book allows for up to 1,880 discretionary hours. Typically these are used to log hours prior to entering the Intern Architect Program.

Can I log hours in a province different than the one in which I live?

Yes, provided you log the hours independently of the jurisdiction in which you reside. You will have to have your employer sign for the hours before you return to your home province.

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