



ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Michael A. Ernest Retired Architect AIBC Bursary for Intern Architects

1.0 Introduction

Michael A. Ernest Retired Architect AIBC has been a part of the fabric of the AIBC and British Columbia's architectural community since the 1970s. He held numerous roles during his long-standing service to the profession, among them: registered architect, Principal, Oral Reviewer, Committee Member, Council Member, Council Vice-President, Registrar, Adjunct Professor, Director of Professional Practice, Canadian Construction Documents Committee Chairman and AIBC Executive Director. Mike retired in 2014 and left a profound legacy through his thoughtful and collaborative leadership style.

In recognition of his long-standing contributions to the profession, the Michael A. Ernest Retired Architect AIBC Bursary for Intern Architects was established, and it is awarded annually in the form of a credit to be applied against expenses paid to the AIBC, to decrease barriers to registration. Each year, \$2,000 is available and based upon the received applications, it may be awarded to one individual or split between two individuals.

2.0 Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration for this bursary, applicants must be a registered Intern Architect AIBC in Good Standing and demonstrate that they have limited financial resources and an intention to become a registered Architect AIBC.

The bursary will be issued as a credit to the recipient's account at the AIBC. The credited amount remains in place as long as the intern architect remains in Good Standing and until the total amount has been applied.

The credit will be applied against expenses paid to the AIBC including:

- AIBC Annual Renewal Fees
- Mandatory Professional Development Courses
- ExAC Registration Fee
- Late Submission CERB Fee
- Oral Exam Fee
- Application for Registration

3.0 Submission Process and Important Dates

Intern Architects AIBC interested in applying for the bursary must complete and submit the application form to the Director of Registration & Licensing before the deadline for submissions.

The AIBC acknowledges that information provided in the bursary application is personal and confidential, and, except as may be required by Freedom of Information legislation, recipients' and applicants' names and information contained in the bursary applications will be kept in the strictest of confidence and not be made public.

The Director of Registration & Licensing will review all applications and based on the information submitted, will recommend a recipient or recipients to the AIBC Board. The bursary recipient(s) will be notified of the Board's decision and unsuccessful applicants will be notified shortly thereafter.

Important Dates:

Application Period Opens:	February 5, 2026
Deadline for Submissions:	March 20, 2026, 5 p.m. PDT
Notification timeframe:	week of April 20, 2026

All sections of the application should be completed as best as possible and additional pages of information may be included as is relevant for consideration.

The completed package of information should be sent as a single .pdf file to iap@aibc.ca and addressed to the attention of:

Jenelyn Torres

Director, Registration & Licensing and Deputy Registrar

Subject line: Confidential – Michael A. Ernest Retired Architect AIBC Bursary Application



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Application Form

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The information on this form is collected under the authority of AIBC Bylaws under the Professional Governance Act, S.B.C. 2018, c. 47. The information will be used to process your application and update the AIBC's records on the status of its applicants and Registrants. If you have questions about the collection and use of this information, please contact the AIBC's Registration & Licensing department by phone at 604.683.8588 or by email at registration@aibc.ca. As a public body under the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the AIBC provides security and confidentiality of your personal information.

Applicant Identification

Full Name: _____
Surname First Name Middle Name(s)

AIBC ID: AIBC-R _____

Email: _____

Employment Information

Employment Status: Full-time Part-time (% of full-time) Unemployed

If not currently employed, end date of last employment

Employer _____
Firm Name

City Province/Territory

My employer offers the following benefits to support intern architects (check all that apply):

Payment of annual Intern Architect AIBC renewal Fee

Payment for AIBC mandatory Professional Development courses

Paid time away from work to attend Professional Development courses

Payment of the Exam for Architects in Canada (ExAC) registration fees

Paid time away from work to sit the Exam for Architects in Canada (ExAC)

Payment of Oral Exam fee

Other: _____

Financial Information

AIBC Fee Waiver

Have you applied this year for a waiver or reduction of your annual Intern Architect AIBC renewal Fee, as per [AIBC Bylaw 4.67 and Schedule N: Administrative Guidelines for Fee Waivers?](#)

No Yes

Have you previously received a waiver or reduction of your annual Intern Architect AIBC renewal Fee?

No Yes; year(s) received _____

Financial Resources

Current Annual Salary: _____ Employment Insurance Benefits: _____ (monthly)

Other Income: _____

Monthly Financial Commitments

Monthly rent/mortgage payment and related housing expenses: _____

Monthly student loan or other payments: _____

Other monthly payments, such as childcare: _____

Other Financial Information

Please provide any other financial information that may be relevant for consideration for this bursary.

Registration History and Intentions

Internship in Architecture Program History (as applicable)

Date of registration as an Intern Architect AIBC: _____

Number of work experience hours submitted: _____

Number of mandatory PD courses completed: _____

Number of ExAC sections completed: _____

Date of completion of the Oral Exam: _____

The AIBC will confirm the completion of the required components of the Internship in Architecture Program with records on file. If there are any discrepancies, the Director of Registration and Licensing will confirm the information with you.

Describe your progress through the Internship in Architecture Program (IAP), including your preferred timeline for completing any remaining requirements. Indicate your target date for registration as an Architect AIBC and explain how this bursary would support you in achieving these goals.

Declaration

I hereby confirm that the information provided in this application is true, correct and complete, fully reflecting my financial and other information as is relevant for consideration for this bursary.

Name

Signature

Date