

Seattle Chapter



The Institute of
Internal Auditors

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear IIA Seattle Chapter Members,

The month of November is upon us and the count down to the end of the calendar year has begun. This time of year is one of my favorites, as family and friends prepare to celebrate countless end of year holiday celebrations and traditions. The reason this time of year is so special to me and my family is it's a reminder to take a moment to pause and recognize everything we have to be thankful for, it's also the time of year where I can slow down and spend quality time with family and friends and truly be in the moment. As I reflect on the areas that we as an IIA chapter have to be thankful for the first that come to mind are our members without your support and commitment to the profession our chapter would not be celebrating its 25th year. I'd like to thank our Chapter Officers, Board and our numerous Volunteers without your tireless efforts and commitment to the advancement of our profession and the chapter we would not be able to provide the breadth of programming options we offer, continuing education member support and community reinvestment efforts.

I want to share the success of our Game Changer- AI in IA and Data Analytics conference that IIA Seattle hosted last month with Seattle University and Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) Seattle Chapter. The event was well attended by members and non members. We were able to provide very informative and interactive sessions for the participants that were relevant for growing impact of AI across business lines.

We have several volunteer positions we are looking to fill, if you are passionate about academic relations, programming, member engagement, communications or want to volunteer your financial skills to support our treasurer we'd love to hear from you at Chapter34@iia chapters.org.

Have a wonderful month!!!

Your Seattle Chapter IIA President
Cynthia Behnen Gillison

IIA HQ and Chapter Events

Fundraising for the Foundation - Make an Impact

Thanks to generous donors, the Internal Audit Foundation funds cutting-edge research, creates groundbreaking content, and supports academic programs, curriculum, grants, and scholarships. Support the future of the profession and make a significant impact by [donating today](#).

Call for Volunteers for Local Chapter:

We are actively looking for volunteers for the following roles. You can earn up to 12 CPE for your support as a volunteer. Please contact us for more information. Or if you have any other areas of interest, we are always looking for more volunteers.

- Social Media Content Manager
- Our Chapter EMT tool – help us manage membership and communication to all members!
- Programming volunteers to help coordinate monthly luncheons, identify speakers and help manage the events (approximately 5 hours each month between August – May)
- Fraud Conference volunteers to help coordinate and plan the event (approximately 5 hours each month between August – March)
- Content for newsletters (approximately 2 hours a month)
- Support the Treasury function (approximately 1-2 hours a month); this could include performing an annual financial audit
- Academic Relations (supporting with academic outreach and increasing our presence on campuses)

Have you been thinking about getting involved, but concerned about time commitment? No worries! We have opportunities for all levels of time commitments

2023 Ethics: Sustaining an Ethical Culture: It's Not Always Black and White and bonus session for AuditBoard's Automation and Analytics Journey

Registration is open! See the "Upcoming Events" section below.

Join us on December 5, 2023 from 10 to 12 for a virtual ethics presentation by Bethmara Kessler!

- Learn why it is so hard to build and sustain an ethical culture.
- Be challenged with ethical dilemmas.
- Explore cases where ethics, culture, and behavior evolved in shades of grey.
- Take away practical ideas to build or reinvigorate their Company's approach to sustaining an ethical culture.

Please enjoy this short video from Bethmara discussing the session! (Insert video)

Additionally, from 12 to 1 there will be a bonus virtual session from AuditBoard's Arden Leland and Emily Oberhand on Automation and Analytics!

- Explore the Automation and Analytics journey - Where to start and how to move forward methodically.
- Explore use cases for Automation and Analytics in your Internal Audit Program.
- Take away ideas to build or formalize your team's approach to Automation and Analytics.

Pricing:

Student \$10

Member \$25

Non-Member \$35

Hope to see you there! If you did not receive an email to register, please contact us at chapter34@iia chapters.org.





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IIA Seattle Events - Students

Are you interfacing with students? We encourage you to have them sign up for a FREE student membership! They will get access to:

- Internal Auditor Magazine
- Member only discounts
- Scholarship opportunity (up to \$5,000)
- Attendance at monthly meetings, free!

Students can use the code: IIA Student. A group of students from a class or as a guest with a professor can be a great learning/networking opportunity.

Do you have contacts at local universities, community/technical colleges? Help us reach the next generation of auditors, join the AR committee!

Reach out to [Austin Bailey, Seattle Academic Relation Chair!](#)



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1 Create an IIA Account.
<https://register.theiia.org/>

2 Log into the site below and submit a student application.
<https://myiia.theiia.org/Student/Index>

The Institute of Internal Auditors - Seattle Chapter 2023-24 Scholarship Application

The IIA is the internal audit profession's global voice, recognized authority, acknowledged leader, chief advocate, and principal educator. Members work in internal auditing, risk management, governance, internal control, information technology audit, education, and security.

The Seattle chapter is pleased to offer scholarships each year to students pursuing a career in internal audit attending a Washington State community college or university. Undergraduate, graduate, and PhD candidates in business, accounting, finance, or related fields having completed at least three semesters (four quarters) are encouraged to apply.

Scholarship(s) will be awarded based on scholastic achievement, educational and career goals and community involvement. Financial need is not a consideration for this scholarship. Scholarship monies are to be applied towards tuition or other expenses paid directly to the college or university. Scholarships are non-renewable and ensuring the funds can be used for the applicable quarter/semester/year lies solely with the student.

The number and dollar amount of each scholarship awarded depends on the number of qualified applications received, not to exceed \$2,500 each. Please include a completed application including all elements noted below. The application deadline is Friday March 29, 2024.

What you will need to apply:

1. Become a student member of the IIA Seattle Chapter (for free) prior to your application.
2. Email all components of the application to IIAPugetSoundScholarship@gmail.com:
 - Completed application form (including essays)
 - Unofficial transcripts from the college or university you currently attend and any that you attended previously.
 - Current resume that includes any internships (paid or unpaid), jobs, awards, volunteer positions or leadership roles on campus or in the community.
3. Have at least one reference submit a letter of recommendation separately (the letter of reference should come directly from the source, not submitted by you) to IIAPugetSoundScholarship@gmail.com. We encourage your letter to be from a professor, mentor, supervisor, or similar relationship who can speak to your character as a student, your interest in internal audit, etc. Please refrain from using any family members or friends as references.

Please direct any additional questions to IIAPugetSoundScholarship@gmail.com

Scholarship Application

Contact Information

Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Phone Number	
E-Mail Address	

Reference Information

Name	
E-Mail Address	
Relation	

Please have your reference submit their letter of recommendation, separate from this application, to IIAPugetSoundScholarship@gmail.com.

Essay Questions (500 word max each)

Why are you interested in pursuing a career in Internal Audit?

What impact would being awarded this scholarship have on your educational and career goals?



Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am awarded a scholarship, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in forfeiture of award money.

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	

Certification

- There are numerous CPE-earning opportunities with the IIA. Explore expanded learning options such as newly launched quizzes, online & in-person options, assessment-based certificates, and conferences. All your credit-earning opportunities and reporting requirements can be accessed [here](#).
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- Reminder: the certification renewal policy went into effect Sept 1, 2023. Requirements and a video update on the CPE reporting policy can be found [here](#).
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- Reach out to chapter34@iichapters.org with any questions!

Nira Kohli, Seattle
VP Certifications



CONGRATS

Members Achieving CIA Certifications

- Tyler Pelo
- Austin Bailey
- Ibukunoluwa Osuntoki
- Carrie Pokrefke
- Tim Gillis

Registration is open!

2023 AuditSphere: A Virtual Conference for Small Audit Teams

This event will provide the small shop auditor with additional guidance and expertise to be able to manage the unique relationships and challenges faced by those with small staff yet increasing board expectation.

Event on 7th December!

2024 Fraud Virtual Conference

This interactive one-day conference is designed to provide insight and innovative ideas for internal auditors, fraud examiners, and fraud investigators. This conference will feature two streams:

- Stream One is designed for the internal auditor who may discover potentially fraudulent activity and need to communicate and partner with the fraud department.
- Stream Two is for internal audit functions that are also required to perform fraud investigations when suspicious activity is detected.

Early Register by Jan 13, 2024 and save 10%. Event: FEB 29, 2024 | VIRTUAL, ONLY

2024 GAM Conference

Join the most esteemed gathering of internal audit innovators, leaders, and trailblazers at 2024 GAM: Great Audit Minds. Immerse yourself in a dynamic learning environment where you can collaborate and tackle today's pressing business and audit challenges while pioneering the frontiers of tomorrow. By participating, you will gain invaluable insights, forge meaningful connections, and acquire the tools and knowledge necessary to bring true value to your organization. Embrace the future of internal audit and revolutionize your impact today.

March 11-13, 2024 | Las Vegas, NV & Virtually

2024 Analytics, Automation and AI Virtual Conference

This one-day virtual conference will focus on how organizations and government agencies are using data literacy, data analytics, automation, and AI. Attendees will gain the latest insight on how to approach internal audit activities related to the assessments of analytics, automation, and AI.

April 18, 2024 | Virtual Only

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.

Certification Online Testing Available Now

To support the continued professional development of certification candidates around the world and in response to mass Pearson VUE test center closures due to COVID-19, The IIA has adopted online testing to enable candidates to take the Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®), Certification in Risk Management Assurance® (CRMA®), and CIA Challenge exams from home. This flexible testing option will be available for a limited time..

[IIA Certification Information](#)