

BCSLA Associate Policy

The BCSLA Bylaws define three categories of Associates of the Society. This Policy provides clarity on the definitions of each of the three categories of Student, Intern and Associate (working name of Pre-intern).

The following are the categories and definitions of the Associates of the Society:

- (a) **BCSLA Student:** *An individual who is registered in an accredited post-secondary school Landscape Architecture program of study, may apply for recognition as an Associate of the Society, and upon acceptance by the Board and payment of all fees when due, the individual is entitled to use the designation “BCSLA Student”.*
- (b) **BCSLA Intern:** An intern is an Associate who has been accepted by the Board into the admission program for Membership in the Society, meeting the following requirements:
- i. has completed a degree in landscape architecture that is approved by the Board; or
 - ii. has been employed for six (6) years in the field of Landscape Architecture to the approval of the Board
 - iii. has an equivalent combination of degree and employment in an allied discipline,

Upon acceptance, the applicant is entitled to use the designation “BCSLA Intern”.

- (c) **BCSLA Pre-intern:** *A Pre-intern is an Associate who is in the process of meeting all the requirements needed to apply as an Intern of the BCSLA:*
- i. has been employed for less than six (6) years in the field of Landscape Architecture; or
 - ii. has a degree in an allied discipline; or
 - iii. work experience in a related field; or

Upon acceptance, the applicant is entitled to use the designation “BCSLA Pre-intern”.

Upon Acceptance by the Board and payment of all fees when due, all categories of Associates of the Society are entitled to use the appropriate designation, receive all general communications of the Society, attend general meetings as a non-voting Associate, attend continuing education programs and sessions at BCSLA rates, and benefit from information resources of the Society available to Members. BCSLA Associates are bound by the Principles and Standards of the Society, and the Bylaws as applicable.

For candidates with degrees and/or work experience outside the field of Landscape Architecture, a reduction to the six-year work experience requirement may be applied as listed below:

	In an Unrelated Program or Field	In a Related Program or Field
Degree	One Year	Two Years
Diploma	6 months	One year (for a 2-year program)
Masters	6 months	One year
Work Experience		Up to 1 year (at a rate of 1 year for every 4 years worked)

Note #1: The amount of the reduction can be combined accordingly.

Note #2: It is up to the discretion of the Credentials Committee to determine the quality and relevancy of the degrees and experience earned in their recommendation of the amount of the reduction applied.

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