

PATHWAYS TO LICENSURE

Applying for Registration in the BCSLA

Applications to the BC Society of Landscape Architects are accepted in the following five categories:

- BCSLA Student
- BCSLA Pre-Intern-Associate
- BCSLA Intern
- BCSLA Landscape Architect
- BCSLA Registered Landscape Architect



This webinar offers an overview of the application procedure for North American and International applicants.





BCSLA STUDENT

- Student applicants must be registered in an accredited post-secondary Landscape Architecture program of study.
- 🔊 Students gain access to BCSLA resources and support.
- Student applicants join for free



BCSLA Pre-Intern-Associate

The BCSLA Pre-Intern-Associate is in the process of qualifying as an intern and has one or all of the following:

- ▶ less than six years work experience in Landscape Architecture; or
- a degree in an allied discipline, or
- employment in a related field.

The pre-intern-associate can access BCSLA resources and support while working towards qualifying to apply as a BCSLA Intern.

BCSLA Intern

To apply to become an intern, a candidate will have:

- an undergraduate or master's degree in landscape architecture from an accredited university program, or
- six-years experience in the field of landscape architecture, or
- an equivalent combination of experience and education in an *allied discipline*.



BCSLA Intern (continued)

Before becoming a Registered Landscape Architect, an intern must:

- work under the supervision of a Qualified Mentor for two years,
- pass the four-part Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE),
- pass an oral exam.

In accordance with BCSLA Bylaws, “Qualified Mentor” means a Registered Landscape Architect, Landscape Architect, or other allied professional with experience, qualifications and knowledge in the area they are mentoring. Intern to seek employment that will provide the required scope of experience under the guidance of a "Qualified Mentor".




Landscape Architect

A non-registered landscape architect may work

- in a management, policy, administrative, or coordinating role; or
- in teaching and research as a faculty member, lecturer, or writer.

Note: Landscape Architects cannot stamp drawings unless they become registered.



BCSLA Registered Landscape Architect

A Registered Landscape Architect from a Regulatory Agency outside the Province of British Columbia must pass an oral exam demonstrating knowledge of the applicable British Columbia laws and conditions of practice governing the profession of Landscape Architecture in BC.

Use of title:

“Registered Landscape Architect” and “Landscape Architect” Practicing as a Professional in British Columbia

4. Every person who is a Registered Member in good standing of the Society is entitled to use the designation “Registered Landscape Architect”; no person who is not a Member in good standing of the Society may assume or use that designation in any manner or represent that he or she is entitled to do so.
5. A Landscape Architect must apply to the Board to use the title “Registered Landscape Architect” or “Landscape Architect” or; “Landscape Architects” or “Landscape Architecture” in a firm or company name registered in British Columbia for a landscape architecture practice employing one or more Landscape Architects. The Board may allow such use of the title, subject to a written agreement of terms and conditions set by the Board, and duly entered into by the Landscape Architect. Use of the title by the subject firm or company may continue only on strict compliance with the terms and conditions of such agreement.
6. The Registrar will provide each Registered Landscape Architect with a professional stamp or seal, the impression of which will contain,
 - (a) the name of the Registered Landscape Architect;
 - (b) the designation “Registered Member, British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects”, and;
 - (c) the registration number of the Registered Landscape Architect, from the Registrar of Members.

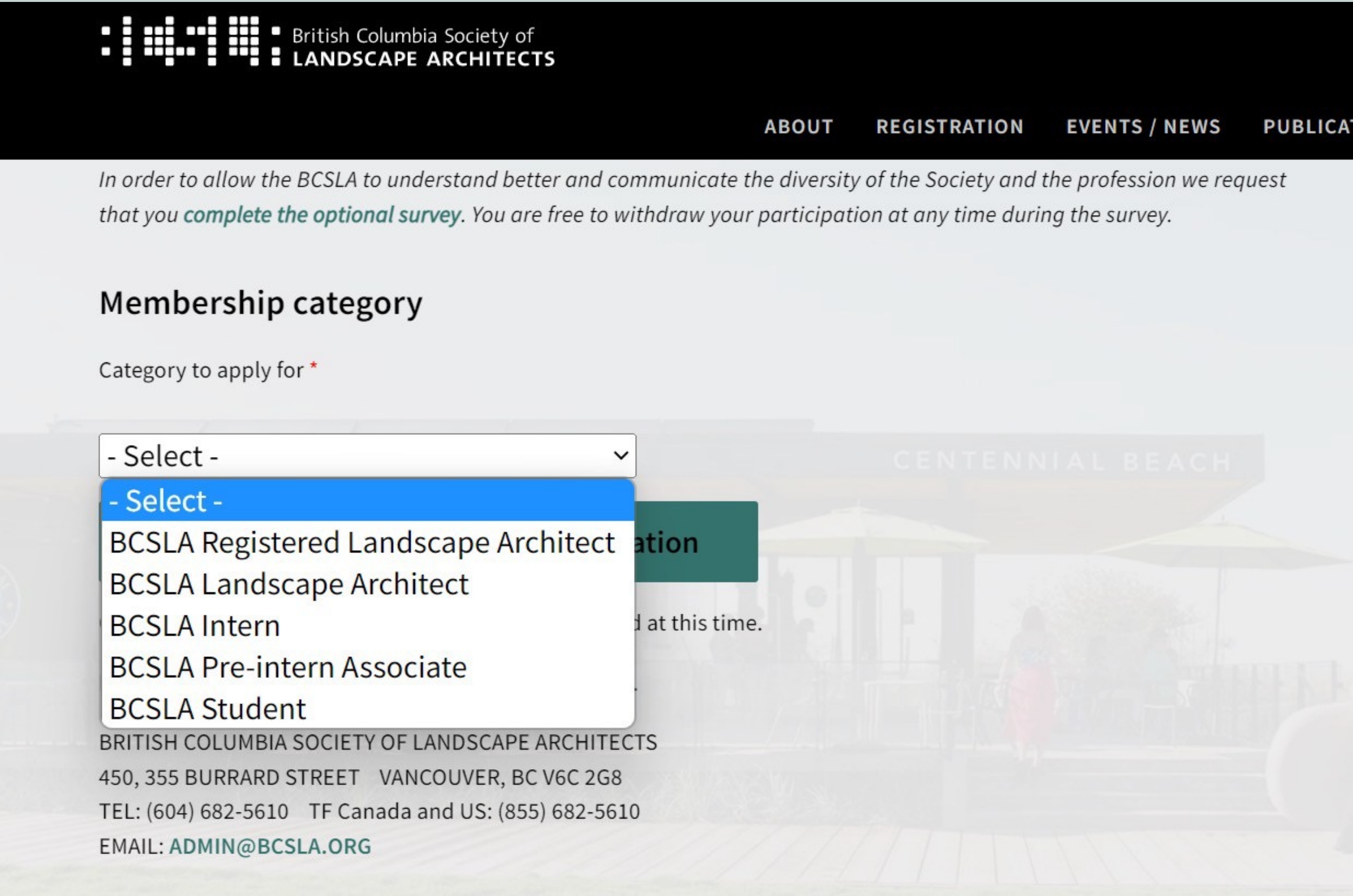
How to Apply Online

Select one of the five categories for your initial application.

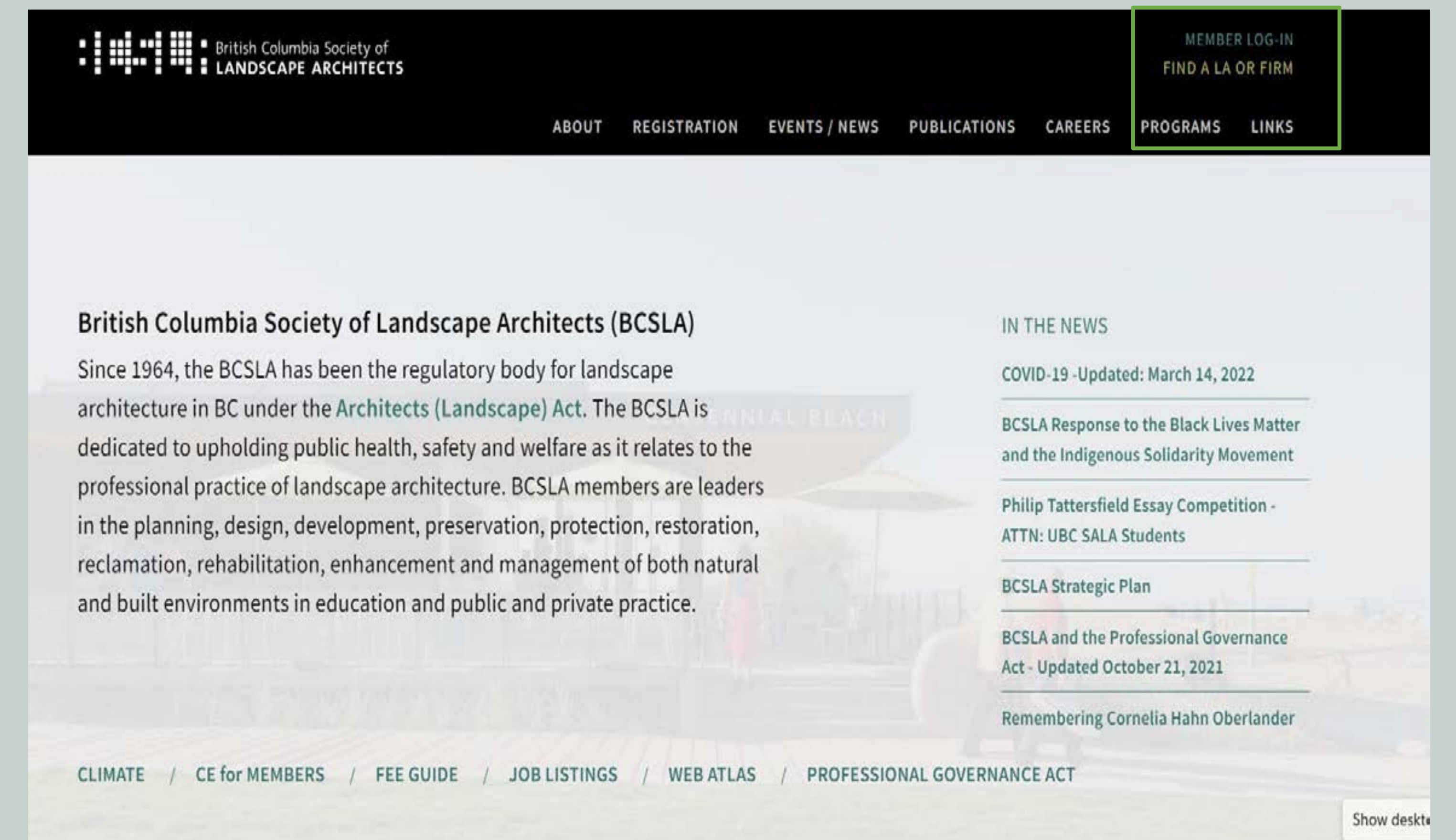


Voting Members: Registered Landscape Architects,
Landscape Architects, Retired, Inactive


Non-voting Associates: Interns, Pre-intern-Associates,
Students



From the homepage of BCSLA's website, click on "Member Log in" located at the top-right or enter <https://www.bcsla.org/user/> in the address bar on the screen.




On the “sign up” page, follow the prompts to create a secure account. Provide information and confirm email.

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Application - How To Apply?

Register as a BCSLA Member or Associate Candidate from your home or office located anywhere in the world. You may begin the BCSLA Admission Program online by


1. Creating a candidate account for use on the BCSLA website.


2. When you have created the account, you may begin the BCSLA Admission Program.

After you've completed your application, it will be reviewed by the Credentials Committee.

First Name *

Last Name *



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If you are from within North America, use the guide "The Road to Registration".
This flowchart outlines the application process for those who will seek to qualify for the oral exam in British Columbia as interns, as senior practitioners, or through reciprocity.

THE ROAD TO REGISTRATION

NOTE: The information below applies to British Columbia only. Entry standards vary from one jurisdiction to another.

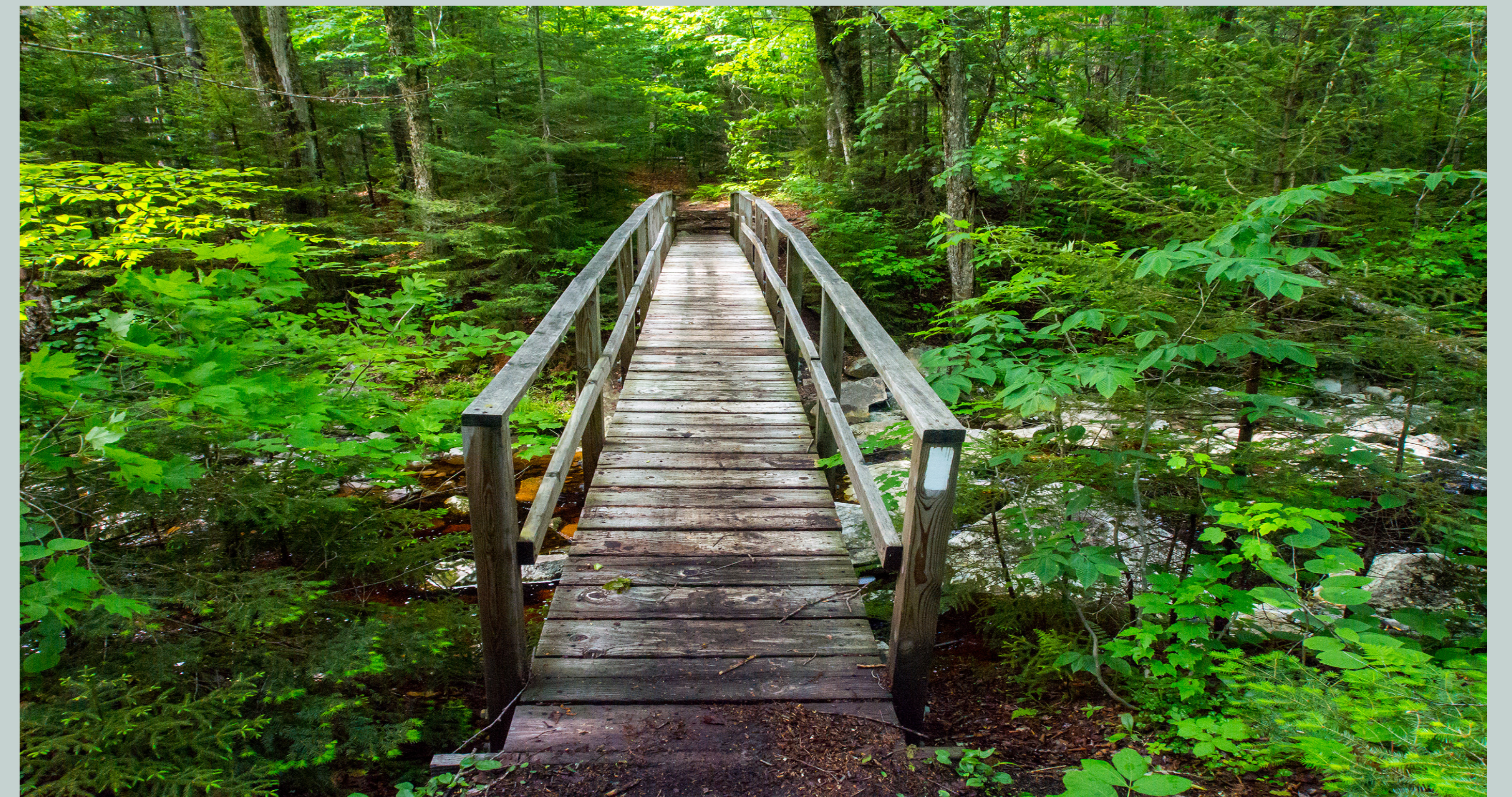
The British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects (BCSLA) regulates the profession of landscape architecture according to provincial statute. To become a Member of the BCSLA, you must successfully complete an oral exam conducted by the provincially appointed Board of Examiners. There are two methods to qualify for the exam: a) Internship (for those who have applicable education and/or employment related to landscape architecture) or b) Reciprocity (for those who are registered as landscape architects in good standing in another jurisdiction recognized by the Board of Directors and have been so for 10 or more years, or are CLARB certified). The process for Internship starts below at step 1a, b, or c, depending upon the Applicant's education and/or experience. Applicants who qualify for Reciprocity can go directly to step 6.




Applicants from a jurisdiction outside Canada or the USA should refer to the guide: **Bridge to Licensure: A Step-by-Step Guide for Internationally trained Professionals.** This informative guide is specifically helpful to international applicants.

Step by Step Guide to Licensure

The guide is designed for those who are internationally trained. It provides information on how to become registered in BC. Visit our multilingual licensure page for more details.




Complete the Competency Based “Licensure Self-Assessment Tool”

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Licensure Self-Assessment Tool

If you wish to view the Licensure Self-Assessment Tool in another languages please click on corresponding link below:

Français | Español | فارسی | 汉语(简化) | 한국어

This five question Competency Based Self-Assessment Tool will only take a few minutes to complete. It serves as a guideline to assist applicants in determining which Admission Program entry stream is most applicable to their background. Upon review of your application, the BCSLA will determine if you satisfy the necessary requirements and will contact you to provide feedback.

We recommend that you review the [Bridge to Licensure Flow Chart](#) and the [Step-By-Step Guide](#) before you apply for membership. Should you have any questions please contact the BCSLA office for assistance.

All Landscape Architects in B.C. are Members of the British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects (BCSLA). An applicant from another jurisdiction other than those in North America, seeking enrolment in the admissions program, must deliver the following to the Registrar:

a. petition for admission;

Then see flowchart:
“Bridge to Registration”

BRIDGE TO REGISTRATION

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1a) Academic qualifications have been evaluated by a credentials evaluation service as approved by the Board of Directors and have met the criteria. Proceed to Step 2.



1b) Academic qualifications have been evaluated by a credentials evaluation service as approved by the Board of Directors and have **not** met the criteria. Proceed to Step 3.

2a) English language proficiency tested by an evaluation service as approved by the Board of Directors and have met the criteria. Proceed to Step 6.

2b) English language proficiency tested by an evaluation service as approved by the Board of Directors and have **not** met the criteria. Register in a language class. Proceed to Step 3.

3) Applicant makes an application for BCSLA Intern status to the Credentials Committee stating their educational and / or experiential qualifications.

4) Credentials Committee forwards accepted application to the Board of Directors.

5) Board of Directors approves BCSLA Intern status and Registrar invites Applicant to begin writing the LARE and to begin logging Intern Experience hours.

5 a) Applicant successfully completes LARE

5 b) Applicant completes minimum two years of



Demand for Landscape Architects

The demand for landscape architects parallels the busy development in BC. The scope of their work includes the “green technology” now at the forefront of society.

Application Review

Check that your application forms are complete and all supporting documents are ready to be submitted.

Once complete, the applications are sent in confidence to the BCSLA Credentials Committee for review.



- The BCSLA Credentials Committee serves to review the details submitted by each applicant via on-line web portal.
- The Committee recommends applicants to the Board of Directors based on the established criteria for each category of applicant.
- The Board's final decision is communicated by BCSLA staff to each applicant.



An optional survey to support our diversity initiative may be completed before you sign out. Select the appropriate form for your application category from the drop-down menu to begin the survey.




BCSLA Survey - GBA+

Gender-based Analysis Plus (GBA+) is an analytical process used to assess how diverse groups of women, men and non-binary people may experience policies, programs and initiatives. The “plus” in GBA+ acknowledges that GBA+ goes beyond biological (sex) and socio-cultural (gender) differences. We all have multiple identity factors that intersect to make us who we are; GBA+ also considers many other identity factors, such as race, ethnicity, religion, age, and mental or physical disability.

Before working to remove barriers to equality, it is important to consult affected peoples directly to determine the scope of the issue, understand their needs, and how they have been impacted by an initiative. The Survey includes seven questions should take about five minutes to complete.

Diversity refers to the variety of personal experiences, values, and worldviews that arise from differences of culture and circumstance. Such differences may include: "race," ethnicity, gender, gender expression, age, religion, language, abilities, and sexual orientation. The BC Society of Landscape Architects (BCSLA) is collecting information to support our ongoing efforts to meet better the needs of specific communities within our Society.

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4. **Internationally Trained:** I am an applicant from another jurisdiction outside than those in North America.
Please review and submit Appendix B – International Candidate Form

I hereby apply, by the method(s) indicated below, for Membership and Registration into the British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects and submit the following information:

☐ By Written Pre-Examination (L.A.R.E.):

☐ By Reciprocal Registration (CA and USA only):

☐ Senior Practitioner:

☐ Internationally Trained:

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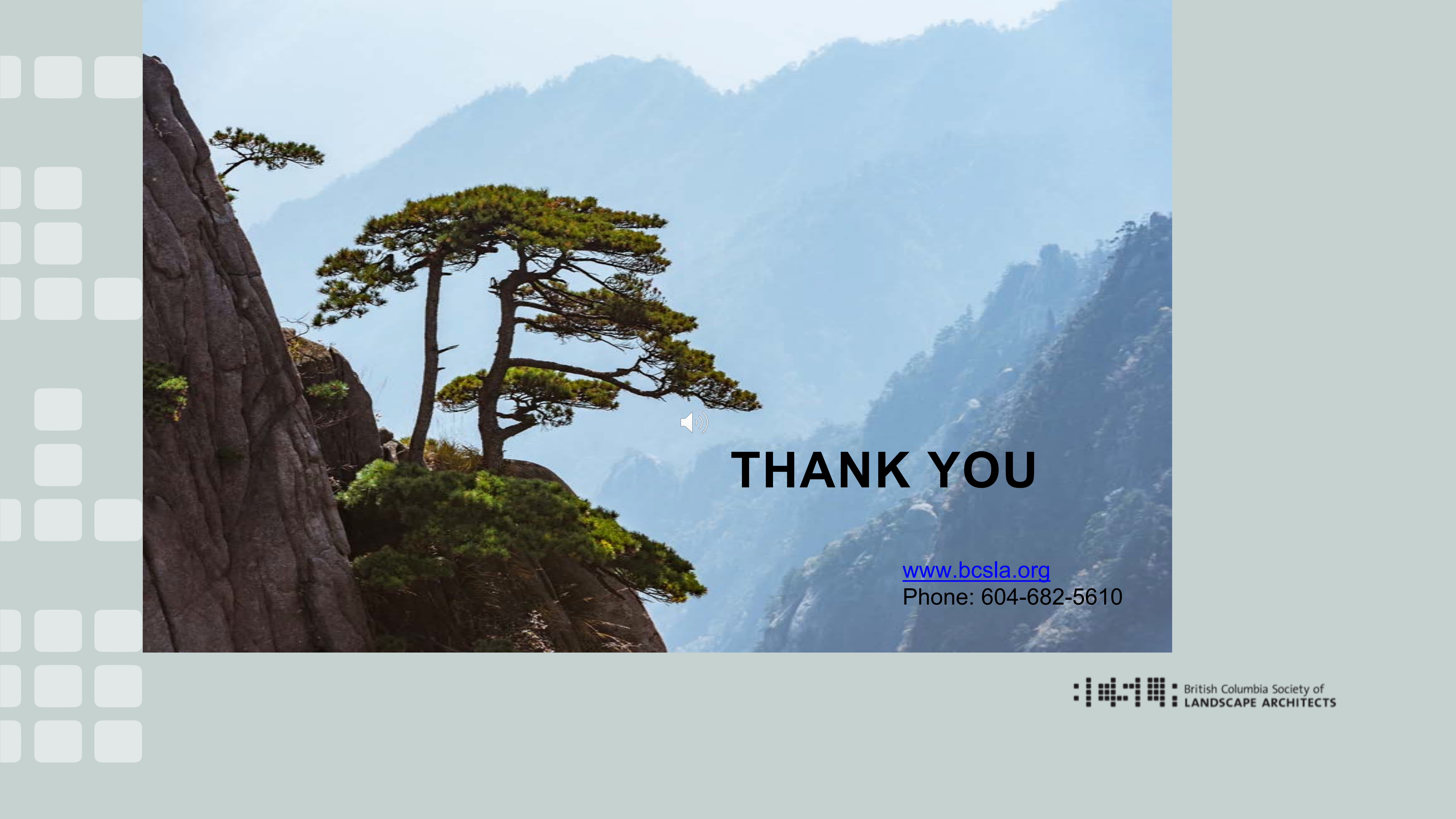
Online Application submissions are temporarily closed at this time.

Please contact the BCSLA office for further information.

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The application requires several supporting documents. Use the “save draft” feature to return later and complete your application when supporting documents are received.





THANK YOU

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