

# ASID GRADUATION PACKET

RESOURCES FOR  
INTERIOR DESIGN  
GRADUATES

AMERICAN  
SOCIETY OF  
INTERIOR  
DESIGNERS



## IMPORTANT LINKS FOR RECENT GRADUATES

Student Advancement Discount – ASID student members may advance to Allied Practitioner membership upon graduation as an incentive to save over \$1,525 off membership dues over the course of five years.

[asid.org/belong/advance-to-allied](https://www.asid.org/belong/advance-to-allied)

Find your local professional chapter – contact them and get involved!

[asid.org/chapter\\_sites/listing](https://www.asid.org/chapter_sites/listing)

The brand new Design Careers by ASID. Post your resume or search for jobs today!

[designcareers.asid.org](https://www.designcareers.asid.org)

Begin taking the exam right after graduation! After passing the NCIDQ, you receive your first year's membership as a Professional Member free (a \$549 value).

[ncidq.org](https://www.ncidq.org)

## UPDATE YOUR MEMBER PROFILE INFORMATION ONLINE!

As a new Allied Practitioner member, your contact information may not be the same as it was in school. An important first step after advancement is logging on to the ASID website to update your member profile with any contact information that may have changed. This ensures that you will continue to receive uninterrupted information and member benefits from ASID on Society and Chapter levels.

[asid.org/login](https://www.asid.org/login)

# WELCOME TO YOUR CAREER IN INTERIOR DESIGN

## CONGRATULATIONS – YOU ARE A GRADUATE OF INTERIOR DESIGN!

### **ASID applauds you!**

This is a tremendous accomplishment and the first major step in advancing your career. As you progress from a student of design to an interior design practitioner, we urge you to access ASID along the way as you embark upon the next steps in your career. Use our membership resources to assist you on your path to professionalism. This guide is organized into five sections, designed to help you map your future as a professional interior designer.

Please contact customer service at [membership@asid.org](mailto:membership@asid.org) with your questions.

**We are here to help.**

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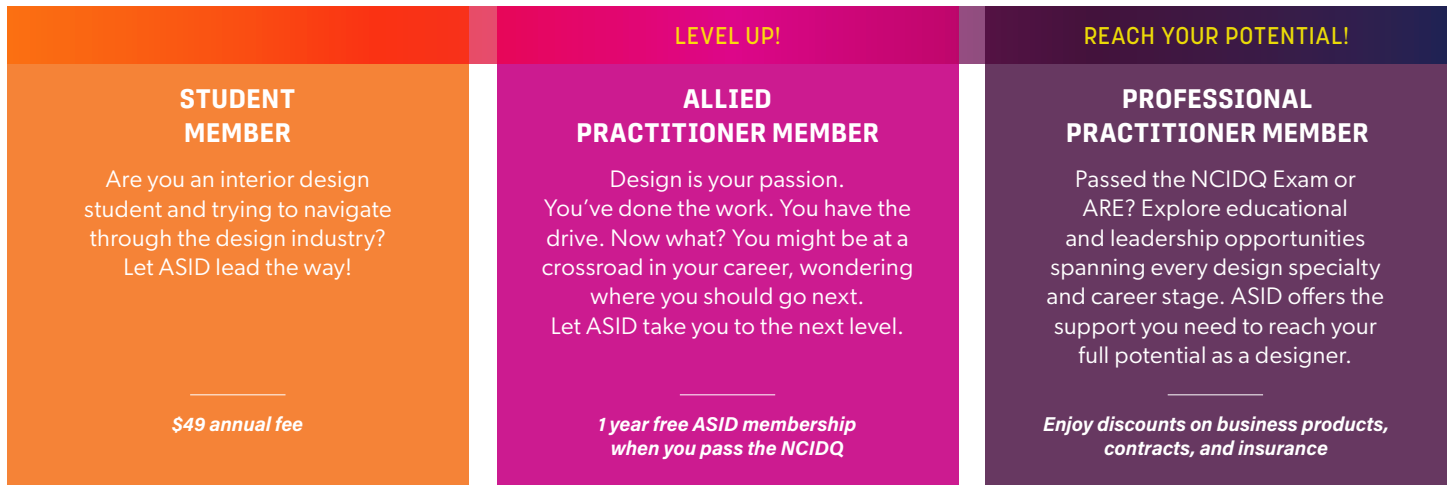
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# ASID MEMBERSHIP PATH

## MEMBER PATH TIMELINE



## GRADUATING STUDENT/ADVANCE TO ALLIED PRACTITIONER MEMBER

### Eligibility Requirement

Active ASID Student members who graduated from an accredited interior design university

### Membership Fees

Year 1: \$99

Year 2: \$149

Year 3: \$249

Year 4: \$349

Year 5: \$449

**Savings over 5 years: \$1,525**

Graduating students must enroll in the Advance to Allied membership program within 12 months of graduation.

### Membership Benefits

- **Appellation:** Your Name, ASID Allied
- **Networking Opportunities:** Access to emerging professionals engagement activities within their professional chapters
- **Scholarship Opportunities:** ASID Foundation Grants and Scholarships
- **Leadership Development:** ASID Student Leadership Training

- **Leadership Opportunities:** Professional Chapter Board/School Engagement Ambassador, Professional chapter volunteer, Chapter Leadership Council, National council, committee or task force volunteer
- **Online Resources:** Research - free and reduced cost, Design Learning by ASID, Design Finder by ASID, Design Careers by ASID, Advocate by Design video series, Design Connection by ASID
- **ASID Events:** GATHER, The National Conference by ASID, GATHER: Catalyst, one day regional student conference, and local professional chapter events
- **Recognition:** ASID National Awards, ASID Foundation Scholarships and Grants, and ASID Ones to Watch
- **Communications/Publications:** National communications, Professional Chapter communications, Membership Directory, Design Magazines
- Design Connection by ASID
- Design Business by ASID: contract packages, professional liability insurance, health insurance, group retirement plan program, and technology discount
- National Sponsors
- Access to trade discounts and pricing

## DESIGN CAREERS BY ASID/INTERNSHIPS

- Your ultimate resource hub, Design Careers offers job opportunities, resume tips, career guidance, and a prime platform for employers seeking top talent.
- The site is updated daily and displays hundreds of listings.
- Users can search listings, set up a personal profile, post a resume and apply for jobs online for free.

[designcareers.asid.org](http://designcareers.asid.org)

## DESIGN FINDER BY ASID

- Design Finder will provide the interior design community and potential clients with an improved user experience to connect interior design practitioners with potential clients and the resources and suppliers needed for project success.
- ASID Practitioner (Professional, Allied, and Associate) members receive a basic profile included in membership.
- You can upgrade your Design Finder profile to increase your visibility and enhance your page.

[asad.org/find-a-pro](http://asad.org/find-a-pro)

## DESIGN CONNECTION BY ASID

A new way to connect with fellow grads and the full ASID community. As an ASID member, you are invited to join community groups, participate in discussions, share resources, and build your network.

## DESIGN BUSINESS BY ASID – RESOURCES THAT SUPPORT PRACTITIONERS

Design Business provides current and aspiring business owners access to the resources and tools needed to start, grow, and sustain a design business.

- **ASID Contracts:** residential and commercial contract documents to help you avoid professionally related disputes and help keep a project on-course by clearly spelling out duties and responsibilities in language that is widely known and accepted within the profession.
- **ASID Insurance Program:** insurance plans include professional liability, general business insurance and a variety of medical insurance options.
- **Trade Pricing and Discounts:** access to a wide range of trade pricing and discounts for products and services to support your business. Check back regularly for new additions.
- **ASID Technology Program:** access to exclusive savings on the tech products that power your business.

[asad.org/resources/asid-advantage](http://asad.org/resources/asid-advantage)

## THE ASID CODE OF ETHICS

- As an ASID member, you are bound by the **ASID Code of Ethics** which requires you to conduct your professional practice in a manner that will inspire the respect of clients, suppliers of goods and services to the profession, and fellow professional designers, as well as the general public.
- The **ASID Code of Ethics** can actually be used as a powerful testimony to consumers, demonstrating that ASID designers are held to a high standard—one that non-member competing designers are not necessarily committed to.

[asad.org/resources/about/ethics](http://asad.org/resources/about/ethics)

## DESIGN LEARNING BY ASID

- Your virtual learning hub for all your continuing education needs. Access toolkits, trainings, product information updates, sponsored content and more!
- Continuing education strengthens the interior design profession by improving individual attitudes, competencies, knowledge and skills in subject areas essential to the growth and success of the industry.
- Many of the states and provinces that have laws regulating the practice of interior design and/or the use of a title also require mandatory continuing education as a condition of renewal.
- **The Interior Design Continuing Education Council (IDCEC)** is the central approval body for CEUs in the interior design industry and you should ensure that any courses you take for credit are IDCEC approved.
- ASID sponsors a wide range of **Continuing Education Units (CEUs)** in varying lengths and topics, all of which are evaluated in accordance with IDCEC guidelines.

[asid.org/learn](https://www.asid.org/learn)

## MANDATORY ASID CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- ASID bylaws and policies require all practitioner members (professional, allied, associate members) to earn a minimum of 10 unit (10 hours) **approved CEUs** every two years.

For more information, visit

[asid.org/learn/ceu-requirement](https://www.asid.org/learn/ceu-requirement)

## ASID EVENTS

ASID offers amazing in-person and virtual events throughout the year. Check out our website for more information on our upcoming conferences.

[asid.org/events](https://www.asid.org/events)

## DESIGN RESEARCH BY ASID

- ASID is the leading provider of research information on interior design practice.
- Copies of **ASID research** reports are available at free and reduced cost for ASID members on the Society's website in PDF format.
- Other research available on the site includes environmental scanning reports, trends and forecasts, summaries of ASID expert panel discussions, links to industry knowledge resources and more.

[asid.org/resources/research](https://www.asid.org/resources/research)

## CHAPTER LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Contact your local chapter for more leadership opportunities.

[asid.org/resources/chapter-leader-resources](https://www.asid.org/resources/chapter-leader-resources)

## ASID ADVOCATE BY DESIGN

ASID knows that our members and chapters are the most effective advocates for the interior design profession, from defending and advancing the industry, to promoting policy initiatives important to all designers. The Society believes that we should all advocate for design through diligent planning, thoughtful deliberation, long-term strategic vision, and active participation.

For more information, visit

[asid.org/advocate-by-design](https://www.asid.org/advocate-by-design)

## ASID FOUNDATION GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

ASID provides a number of annual scholarships and grant opportunities available to expand research and knowledge around the impact of interior design on behavior, health, and well-being.

[asid.org/resources/awards/scholarships-and-grants](https://www.asid.org/resources/awards/scholarships-and-grants)

[asid.org/foundation/programs/asidf](https://www.asid.org/foundation/programs/asidf)

## PROFESSIONAL PRACTITIONER MEMBERSHIP IN ASID

Professional practitioner membership in ASID represents the culmination of your path to professionalism. This membership category exists for interior designers who have successfully completed the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) examination or ARE.

### NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR INTERIOR DESIGN QUALIFICATION (NCIDQ)

- NCIDQ serves to identify to the public those interior designers who have met the minimum standards for professional practice by passing the NCIDQ Examination.
- Successful completion of the NCIDQ Examination is a prerequisite for professional registration in those American states and Canadian provinces that have enacted licensing or certification statutes to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.
- Allied practitioner members in good standing receive the first full year of their professional ASID membership for free when they pass the NCIDQ Exam.
- There is a lot that goes into acquiring your NCIDQ Certificate so don't hesitate to contact NCIDQ for essential information, links and visual depictions of the process to assist you.
- ASID presents the association's NCIDQ Exam Prep program that will be open to all with special discounts for current ASID members. Winter and Summer course cycles offered. Limited spots are available!

[asid.org/learn/ncidq-exam-prep](https://www.asid.org/learn/ncidq-exam-prep)



# ASID – YOUR INFORMATION CENTER

## HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT TEAM

Most ASID resources can be found on the website at [asid.org](http://asid.org). If you cannot find the information you need, please contact ASID via phone or e-mail.

**Phone:** 202-546-3480

**E-mail:** [membership@asid.org](mailto:membership@asid.org)

Business hours are Monday through Friday, 9a.m. – 5p.m. ET, excluding most major holidays.

The ASID professional staff is your Headquarters Support Team (HST). They can help you get the most out of your ASID membership. When calling ASID headquarters, you can facilitate your request by asking for the staff team that best corresponds to the nature of your question or problem.

## FOLLOW ASID ON SOCIAL MEDIA

 @ASID\_HQ

 @ASID7

 [american-society-of-interior-designers](https://www.linkedin.com/company/american-society-of-interior-designers)

 [asidvideo](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCasidvideo)

 @ASID7

## WHO HAS THE ANSWER?

### Customer Service Team

[membership@asid.org](mailto:membership@asid.org)

Membership applications; retention and promotion; inquiries from prospective and current members; chapter administrators

### Chapter Services Team

[chapters@asid.org](mailto:chapters@asid.org)

Professional chapters; governance; society and chapter elections; Chapter Support Team (CST); Council of Fellows

### Student and Emerging Professional Programs Team

[students@asid.org](mailto:students@asid.org)

Student programming; Student Chapters; Student Chapter resources; Student Portfolio Competition; ASID award programs; ASID events

### Education Team

[education@asid.org](mailto:education@asid.org)

Continuing professional education (CEUs); preparation for the NCIDQ exam

### Industry Partners Team

[partners@asid.org](mailto:partners@asid.org)

Sponsorship opportunities; thought leadership; product showcase, member engagement, and brand enhancement experiences

### Research & Knowledge Resources Team

[research@asid.org](mailto:research@asid.org)

Research; knowledge resources management

### Marketing Team

[marcomm@asid.org](mailto:marcomm@asid.org)

Strategic marketing; brand direction; media and public relations; graphic design; social media

### Government & Public Affairs Team

[learley@asid.org](mailto:learley@asid.org)

Advocacy and protecting interior designers' right to practice; legislative support for chapters; ASID code of ethics and ethics/appealation complaints; Legislative and Codes Advisory Council; ethics committee