Why Become a CIPS Member?

“CIPS has been the premiere professional network that has driven my career development. Not only have I grown professionally by learning from my peers’ experience, it has also offered me the rewarding opportunity to contribute back to IT professionalism through my involvement both locally and nationally.”

Chris Kendrick, I.S.P., ITCP/IP3P
Senior Consultant, xwave
Past-President, CIPS Nova Scotia

“As an employer of IT practitioners I look out for resumes which list that the candidate holds the I.S.P and/or ITCP designation(s). This provides me with the guarantee that they are committed to industry best practices, ethics, and lifelong learning.”

Brenda Byers, I.S.P., ITCP/IP3P
Director Technical Systems
PotashCorp

“You can’t get better than a CIPS membership for your students. Our students are graduating from an accredited program, and have the added value of their CIPS membership. They are graduating from a quality program as they undertake their careers as IT professionals.”

Mary Lynn Manton, I.S.P.
Professor, Seneca College

Since 1958, CIPS has helped strengthen the Canadian IT industry by establishing standards and sharing best practices for the benefit of individual IT professionals and the sector as a whole. As Canada’s Association of Information Technology Professionals, we represent thousands of members across the country.

What we offer
- Networking opportunities
- Certification of IT professionals (I.S.P. and ITCP designations)
- Accreditation of IT university and college programs
- A voice to government on issues that affect the profession and industry—through position papers and consultations

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The mark of IT excellence

CIPS offers two major certifications for IT professionals in Canada and abroad, leading to the following designations:

Information Systems Professional (I.S.P.)

Canada’s only legally recognized designation for IT professionals, I.S.P. status provides clients and employers with trusted assurance of an IT professional’s knowledge and technical background. I.S.P. standing has been granted in Canada since 1989, and is legislated as a self-regulating designation in six provinces, with other provinces working toward similar legislation.

The I.S.P. designation is legally recognized in:

- British Columbia
- Ontario
- Alberta
- New Brunswick
- Saskatchewan
- Nova Scotia

Need more experience before becoming an I.S.P.?

Apply for Candidate Membership. Raise your profile by demonstrating commitment to professional development by working toward your I.S.P.

Information Technology Certified Professional (ITCP)

Introduced in 2008, ITCP certification is intended for senior IT workers and academics who have demonstrated an ability to apply their organizational experience to tough problems and achieve ambitious goals. Accredited by the International Professional Practice Partnership (IP3—www.ipthree.org), ITCP certification is internationally recognized as a sign of professional excellence.

Far-reaching benefits

CIPS certification helps IT professionals:

- Raise their industry profile
- Demonstrate a high level of experience and knowledge
- Show their commitment to professional development and ethical conduct
- Access additional benefits such as eligibility for MBA and MSc programs

CIPS certification helps IT sector employers:

- Access high-level talent: certified professionals with the right experience, knowledge, and training
- Strengthen their company image by visibly valuing professionalism, quality, security, and ethical standards
- Give back to Canada’s IT industry and contribute to its growth

Strengthening the sector through accreditation

A member of the Association of Accrediting Agencies of Canada, CIPS accredits IT programs at Canadian and international colleges and universities to ensure that professionals-in-development receive the best, most consistent training possible.

CIPS accreditation helps:

- Raise the profile of IT courses
- Fast-track graduates of accredited programs to I.S.P. and ITCP designations
- Expose students to the perspectives of CIPS members on opportunities in the IT industry and the importance of professionalism, ethics and ongoing professional development

CIPS is Canada’s signatory to the Seoul Accord

Join our community

If you’re an IT professional, consider what membership in CIPS can do for you—delivering a wealth of benefits while helping advance Canada’s IT industry.

Networking opportunities

- Attend events, volunteer and connect with other members, online and in person
- Receive support from the CIPS community
- Learn and interact with a large group of your professional peers
- Take advantage of potential mentoring opportunities to assist you with your career

Get noticed

Have your articles, blog posts and position papers promoted through the CIPS website, e-newsletter and other communication tools.

Grow and develop

Learn new skills and make a difference in your local area by volunteering on a CIPS board.

Access free tools

Take advantage of special offers like free software, research reports, online readings and discounted books.

Support your IT community

Your CIPS membership fees will help support a range of CIPS initiatives. And as a member, you have the opportunity to volunteer for various CIPS-led programs—such as Youth Engagement in the IT Industry—that make our sector stronger for everyone.

Join CIPS today at www.cips.ca/membership

Are you a student?

You can still become a CIPS member—giving you invaluable inroads into the sector and potentially leading to future job opportunities. Joining CIPS shows your commitment to professional development, letting prospective employers know you’ve got the drive and the skills to make a difference in Canada’s IT economy.