

BCSLA Associate Policy

According to the BCSLA Bylaws:

2.20 *The following are the categories 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, and on such acceptance the applicant is entitled to use the designation "BCSLA Intern".*
- (c) **BCSLA Associate:** *An individual may apply for recognition as an Associate of the Society who,*
 - 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; or*
 - iii. *has an equivalent combination of degree and employment in an allied discipline,*

Upon acceptance by the Board and payment of all fees when due, such individuals are entitled to use the designation "BCSLA Associate", 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 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.