



Council  
for Interior  
Design  
Accreditation

## We are **CIDA**

CIDA (pronounced “see-dah”) is the definitive accrediting agency for post-secondary interior design education.

## Our Vision

With integrity, rigor, and continuous improvement, the Council for Interior Design Accreditation advances the profession of interior design through a collaborative approach to standard setting for accreditation of interior design higher education programs.

**It’s an exciting time to be  
an interior designer.**

## Our Vision

Interior designers are skilled, knowledgeable, and sought-after professionals because of the Council for Interior Design Accreditation's continuous improvement, monitoring, assessment and advocacy of interior design education and expertise.



## Our History

CIDA was founded in 1970 under the name Foundation for Interior Design Education Research (FIDER) by a coalition of interior design professional organizations (Interior Design Educators Council, American Institute of Interior Designers, and the National Society of Interior Designers).



## CIDA Today

CIDA is the only accrediting body specifically focused on interior design and is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation for professional-level interior design programs that culminate in a bachelor's or master's degree.



# Changing the face of interior design.

**Over 18,000** students are currently enrolled in CIDA-accredited programs, with thousands graduating annually and entering the interior design profession.



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## Our Supporters

- CIDA receives annual contributions from the major interior design organizations and industry partners who believe that quality interior design education is of critical value to the profession's future.
- Annual contributors include: ASID, IIDA, IDC, IDEC, and CIDQ. Recent industry partners include: Steelcase, Allsteel, Gensler, Herman Miller, Haworth, Teknion, Interface.



Allsteel®



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**Why is CIDA accreditation  
important?**

## For educators,

- CIDA provides future-focused, flexible standards and respected accreditation.
- We contribute to recruitment and retention, as CIDA is among the first and most common resources that students and parents consult when choosing an interior design program.



## For practitioners,

- CIDA provides a baseline of quality and consistency in the workforce.
- Students from CIDA-accredited programs score an average of 16% higher on the NCIDQ Exam than non-CIDA grads. For the IDFX, the pass-rate is 18.5% higher.



## CIDA's value for students

- CIDA provides future-focused knowledge, industry forecasts and a valuable return on your educational investment.
- Over 70% of professionals from CIDA programs believe that accreditation has positively impacted their ability to differentiate from others during a job search.



## CIDA's value for volunteers

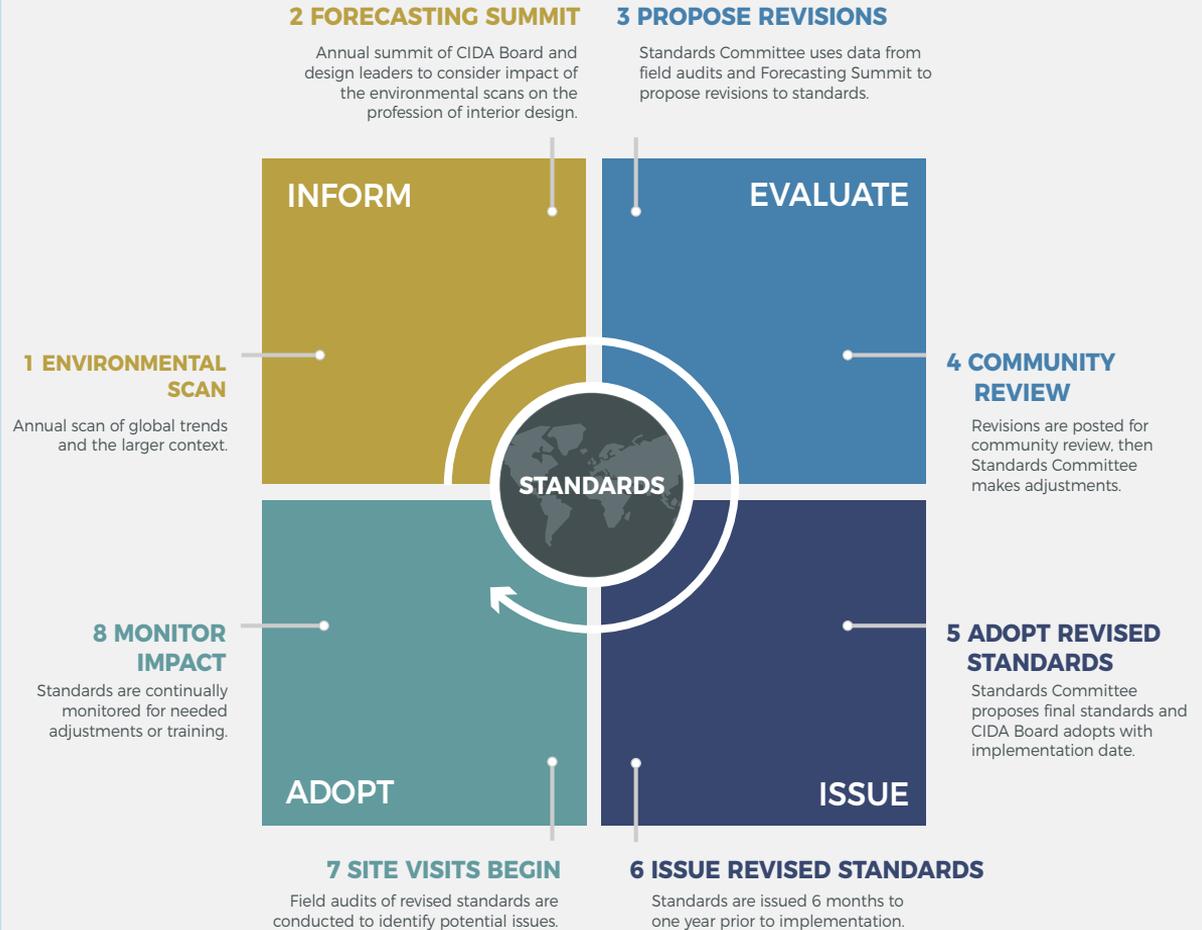
- CIDA provides a connection to the larger interior design community.
- Consider volunteering for CIDA today! We have a number of ways to engage so please visit: [accreditid.org/volunteers](https://accreditid.org/volunteers) or email [laura@accreditid.org](mailto:laura@accreditid.org) for more details.





**How are CIDA's  
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# How are CIDA's accreditation standards for higher education developed?



## Why are CIDA accreditation standards always changing?

- CIDA believes in future-focused and flexible standards for interior design education.
- CIDA standards are continually updated to reflect contemporary and emerging factors influencing interior design practice, from technology to human behavior, health and wellness to global issues and other dynamic trends.



CIDA FORECASTING SUMMIT 2018

# Where can I learn more?

## CIDA Summit Report

- CIDA is passionate about growing and articulating the knowledge at the heart of the interior design profession for the benefit of educators, students and interior design practitioners.
- Because of this commitment, we conduct an annual scan and prepare forecasting reports, including the Summit Report, that inform and inspire educators, students, interior design practitioners, and the larger design industry.



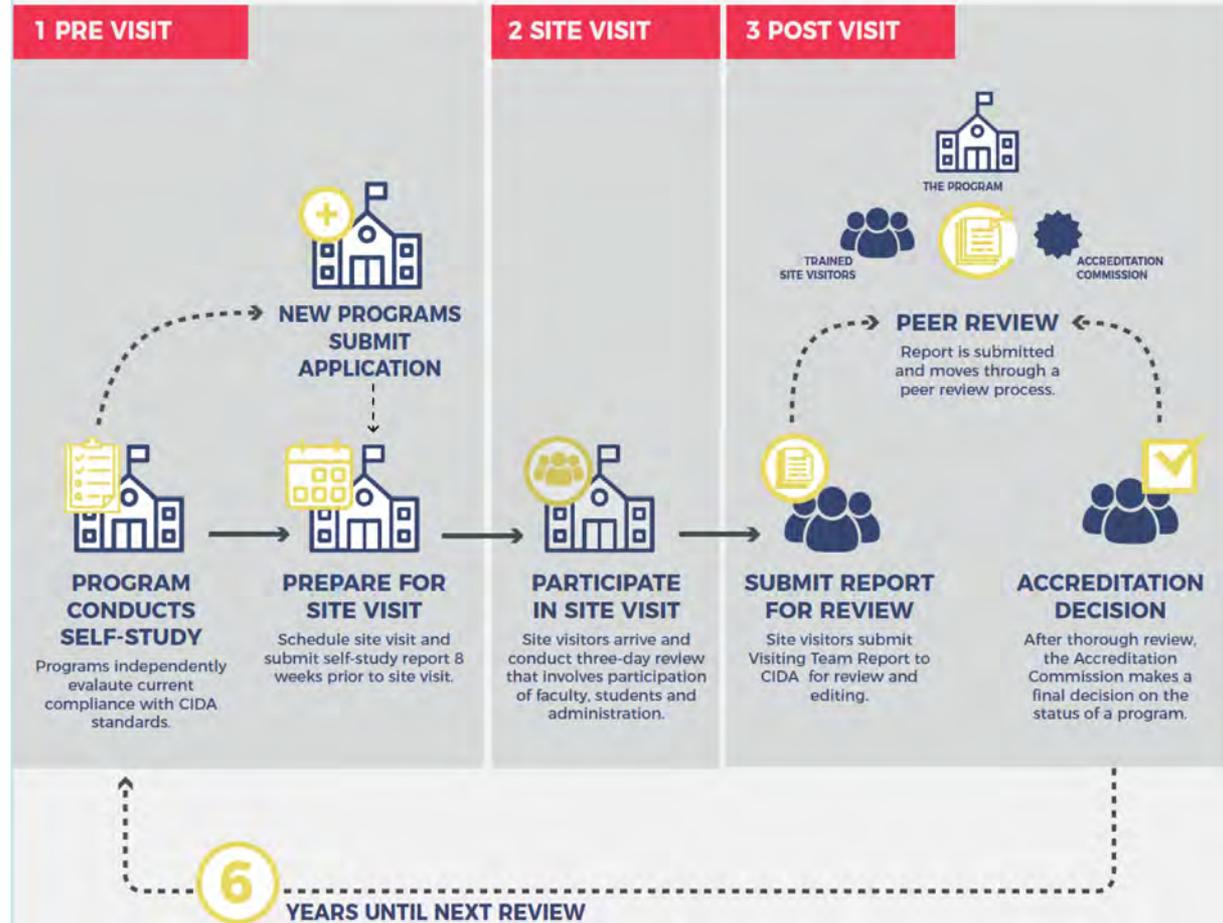
### CIDA SUMMIT REPORT 2018

- Click [here](#) to read the full forecast.



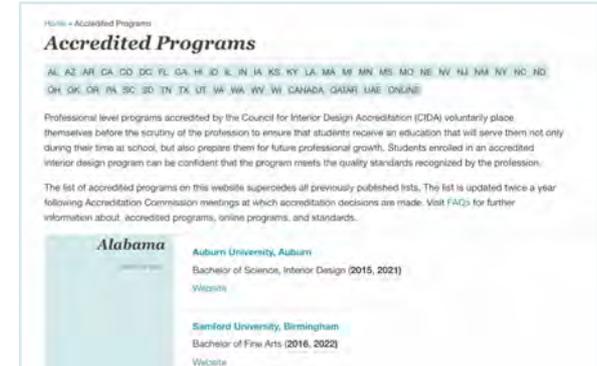
**How does an interior design  
program become accredited?**

# How a program becomes accredited.



# How can I find an accredited program?

- Check our website for the latest information about accredited programs, online programs, and standards.



[CLICK HERE](#) FOR A LIST OF ACCREDITED PROGRAM.



**How can I get involved?**

# Opportunities for involvement

## Volunteering for CIDA

- Nearly 200 volunteers, all drawn from interior design practice and education, currently assist CIDA in carrying out our work.
- Our volunteers:
  - Play an integral role in a process that produces recognizable and tangible outcomes
  - Are excited by charting new territories
  - Gain satisfaction in helping integrate the worlds of practice and academia
  - Raise the bar of professionalism for the field of interior design
- Interested? [info@accredit-id.org](mailto:info@accredit-id.org)



*Volunteer training in 1989 at "Camp Lake FIDER" in Chicago.*

### CIDA VOLUNTEERS HOLD A NUMBER OF ROLES:

- Site visitors
- Standards Committee
- Appeal Board

# Opportunities for involvement

## Becoming an active advocate

- Active advocates help us strengthen our brand relevance for the advancement of the interior design profession.
- Three easy ways to become an active advocate:
  1. Engage with us on social media, including [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).
  2. Add your involvement with CIDA and/or CIDA-accredited education to your Bio and About pages.
  3. Share our latest [Summit Report](#) or Summit Series posts (found on any of our social media pages) with your colleagues and friends!



SNAPSHOTS OF OUR SUMMIT SERIES DISTILLING TOPICS COVERED IN THE 2018 SUMMIT REPORT

# Opportunities for involvement

Educators should submit for our annual Award of Excellence

- The CIDA Award for Excellence Competition recognizes outstanding practices in interior design education.
- The competition is open to faculty members and collaborating teams at CIDA-accredited interior design programs.
- Annually, one first place winner receives a \$5,000 award and up to two merit winners receive \$2,000 awards.



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**Questions?**