



## At a Glance

ASLA

Founded in 1899, the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) is the professional association for landscape architects in the United States, representing nearly 15,000 members.

ASLA has 49 chapters, representing all 50 states and U.S. territories, plus 81 student chapters and seven student affiliate chapters. ASLA members are in 57 countries.

To learn more about ASLA, landscape architects, and landscape architecture, visit [ASLA.org](https://www.asla.org)



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### OUR VISION

Healthy, beautiful, and resilient places for all.

### OUR MISSIONS

#### ASLA

Empowering our members to design a sustainable and equitable world through landscape architecture.

#### ASLA Fund

Investing in global, social, and environmental change through the art and science of landscape architecture.

### OUR VALUES

Excellence  
Integrity  
Diversity  
Leadership  
Stewardship

### OUR CULTURE

Collaborative  
Inclusive  
Member-focused  
Accountable  
Volunteer-supported

### What do ASLA members do?

Data as of June 2022

33%

work in landscape architecture firms

18%

work in multidisciplinary firms

25%

are students

6%

work for federal, state, or local governments

4%

work in design/build firms

3%

work in academic institutions

12%

work in a variety of other settings

### ASLA has nearly 15,000 members:

Data as of June 2022

9,790

Full Members

348

Affiliate Members

579

Associate Members

64

Corporate Members

186

International Members

3,568

Student Members



# Landscape Architecture at a Glance

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Landscape architects lead the planning, design, and stewardship of healthy, equitable, safe, and resilient environments. With their unique skill set, landscape architects improve human and environmental health in all communities.

While almost 25,000 people work in the landscape architecture field in the United States, over 17,000 are licensed landscape architects.

Licensure is required in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, making landscape architecture one of only around 60 professions to be licensed in all 50 states. Each state sets its own requirements for licensure, based on the three E's of education, experience, and examination. The licensing process is administered by state licensing boards. All states require candidates to pass the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE), which is administered by the Council of Landscape Architecture Registration Boards (CLARB).

## THE EDUCATION OF A LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

There are two undergraduate professional degrees for landscape architects: Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA) and Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture (BSLA). These usually require four or five years of study in design, construction techniques, grading and drainage, art, history, and natural and social sciences.

There are also two types of accredited graduate-degree programs: The three-year Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) option is for those who hold an undergraduate degree in a field other than landscape architecture and intend to become landscape architecture

practitioners, and a five year Master of LA (MLA) for those without an undergraduate degree. Other, non-accredited programs are also offered, such as the MA/MS in Landscape Architecture, which is for students who want to conduct research in landscape architecture but may not seek to become registered professionals. There are also programs by schools that are candidates for accreditation and certificate programs.

74 universities offer 53 MLA and 47 undergraduate programs accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB).



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## Landscape architects shape the built and natural environments. Their work involves:

- Bike infrastructure and networks
- Climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Conservation and ecological restoration
- Gardens and arboreta
- Green infrastructure
- Greenways and trails
- Historic preservation and restoration
- Hospitality and resorts
- Interior landscapes
- Land-use planning
- Landscape art
- Mixed-use projects
- Monuments and memorials
- Parks and recreational areas
- Playgrounds
- Public policy
- Reclamation
- Residential landscapes
- Security design
- Stormwater management
- Streetscapes
- Teaching and writing
- Therapeutic and healing landscapes
- Transportation systems
- Urban planning and design