

ISACA CAREER CATALYST STORIES

Support Throughout the Career Journey

ISACA supports its members throughout all stages of their career journeys. From the time they are students looking to enter digital trust professions, ISACA provides local and global networking, credentialing, training, community and leadership opportunities to help members advance their careers. Below, several ISACA members share how ISACA has provided ongoing value in their career journeys. Learn more at www.isaca.org/membership.



ISACA has played a key role in my professional journey, particularly in my transition from IT management to information security, governance, risk and compliance. This journey has inspired me to pursue nearly 50 industry certifications and certificates, pushing the boundaries of my expertise and fueling my commitment to lifelong learning. I now see certifications as a side benefit of my focus on continuous professional development.

Tolgay Kizilelma

PhD, IT/Cybersecurity Executive, Associate Professor



By attending ISACA events and conferences, I have been able to establish and maintain so many great professional relationships over the years. I started out many, many years ago attending local chapter events and from there became a chapter committee member, then served on various board positions up to now being the President of our chapter board. With my vast ISACA network and board position, I can help others expand their network and support their career growth.

Allyson Zoller

ISACA Chicago Chapter Board President



Early in my career, I felt a bit like a security nomad, zigzagging across cities, countries and continents for various professional services roles. While each move was an exciting adventure, it also meant leaving behind familiar faces and networks. That's where ISACA stepped in and became my anchor. I discovered that no matter where my work took me, there was always an ISACA chapter nearby, brimming with passionate, like-minded cyber practitioners. It was like finding my tribe, a place where I could connect, learn and grow alongside fellow enthusiasts.

Jay Hira

Director, Cyber Security – Financial Services, KPMG Australia



I came across ISACA when I was a sophomore at my university without realizing what a life-changing discovery it would turn out to be. There are not many resources available to young career professionals who want to excel at information systems governance, risk and compliance. ISACA has filled that gap and provided me with a well-defined roadmap and educational resources to help me identify my passion and grow into a career in GRC. Thanks to ISACA, despite only working two years as an IT Risk Advisory, I have already managed to pass the CISA exam and now strive to serve as a role model to other young professionals in the GRC field.

Han Jumashov

IT Risk Advisory, Schneider Downs



The incredible thing about ISACA, and perhaps its most valuable asset, is its amazing community. I have had the fortune of participating as a speaker at various local chapter events over the years in Europe and South America. At every event, I have encountered exceptional people who engage in activities very similar to mine as an ISACA professional and volunteer, despite the different cultural contexts.

Pablo Ballarin

Member and Co-founder, BALUSIAN, S.L.; Cybersecurity and AI Ethics Advisor; ISACA Emerging Trends Working Group



The wealth of resources available through ISACA membership – journals, blogs, white papers, technology frameworks and standards – have been invaluable tools throughout my career. Having access to this depth and range of thought leadership and to global perspectives has helped enrich my knowledge and improved the quality of my work. Additionally, volunteering with ISACA has provided me with multiple opportunities to engage with professionals from a wide spectrum of backgrounds and industries, and gain valuable insights as a result.

Omo Osagiede, CISA

Director, The Five Mark Project Ltd



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Certification

isaca.org/credentialing

Local networking

isaca.org/membership/local-chapters

Online community

engage.isaca.org

Career Center

isaca.org/training-and-events/careers-home

Thought leadership and guidance

isaca.org/resources

Mentorship

mentorship.isaca.org/

In-person and online training

isaca.org/training-and-events