

# PINA

## PERMACULTURE INSTITUTE OF NORTH AMERICA



### **FAST-TRACK PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA FOR SENIOR PERMACULTURISTS**

PINA's Board of Directors has invited about 60 Senior Permaculturists — generally those with ten to twenty years of experience in the field — to apply for its Professional Diploma on the basis of work already accomplished. For invitees whom PINA's Board of Directors believes meet our criteria, PINA is abbreviating its diploma process while still ensuring professional standards.

#### **PINA'S WORKING DEFINITION FOR SENIOR PERMACULTURISTS**

Senior permaculturists embody a passion for permaculture, having devoted much of their professional lives to developing and promoting a vision far ahead of its time, yet crucially important for the present. Through diverse pursuits, senior permaculturists have disseminated the permaculture concept throughout North America, have exemplified permaculture ethics and integrity, and have made unique contributions to the field.

In addition to meeting those general criteria, senior permaculturists who qualify for a fast-track diploma also fulfill specific requirements for each permaculture discipline:

#### **FAST-TRACK DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS FOR SENIOR DESIGNERS**

- Have at least 10 years of practical in-depth experience in design work, completing at least 20 permaculture designs in a diversity of contexts, at a variety of scales.

#### **FAST-TRACK DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS FOR SENIOR TEACHERS**

- Have maintained the ethics and integrity of the Mollison curriculum.
- Have taught permaculture for over 10 years, leading a minimum of 20 courses: PDCs, Advanced Design Courses, or Teacher Training Courses.
- Have at least 10 years of practical in-depth experience in design work, completing at least 10 permaculture designs at a variety of scales.

PINA seeks to acknowledge and honor these achievements with its professional credential. Membership in PINA is required to apply. The diploma application fee is \$200.

#### **QUALIFYING SENIOR APPLICANTS NEED ONLY:**

- 1.** Complete the **FAST-TRACK DIPLOMA APPLICATION BELOW.**
- 2.** Submit requested documentation, with numbers and titles from application form.
- 3.** Submit or upgrade to diplomate-level membership dues of \$60 per year .
- 4.** Pay the \$200 Fast Track Diploma application fee.

Applications must be complete, and meet all diploma criteria. Upon review, PINA may request the applicant to complete any missing requirements.



### FAST-TRACK DIPLOMA & MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR SENIOR PERMACULTURIST

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Business or Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of PDC Certification \_\_\_\_\_ PDC Location \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Regional Hub for your area \_\_\_\_\_ If none, would you help establish one? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, you are agreeing to have your email released to others who are interested in regional hub formation.

Diploma Discipline:  Site Design: # of permaculture designs completed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Education: # of PDCs taught/co-taught \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of PINA's fast-track diploma process for senior permaculturists.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature

### PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR APPLICATION, using these numbered sections

- 1. Application Form:** Fast-Track Diploma form above, completed and signed.
- 2. Resume:** 2-3 pages outlining your permaculture education and experience.
- 3. List of Courses and Designs:** Please provide a list of clearly numbered courses taught and designs completed. For courses, we would like to see the format (residential/online/weekend), month and year, co-teachers, and venue. For designs, we suggest listing the site location and size, ecological/social conditions of the site or project, year of work, co-designers if any, and general scope. These should be not more than a paragraph or a list of bullet points for each design.
- 4. Goals and Contributions:** Brief statement of your goals working in permaculture, and any unique contributions you have made to the field.
- 5. Certifications:** Copy of PDC and advanced permaculture course certificate(s) for courses taken. If unavailable, letter explaining the circumstances.
- 6. For Site Design Diploma only:**
  - 5a. Design Process Flow:** Brief outline of steps in your typical process, start to finish,
  - 5b. Client Questionnaire:** List of interview questions you typically ask;
- OR For Education Diploma only:**
  - 5c. Course Schedule:** Typical layout of your complete PDC day-by-day, including subjects and duration of each session.
- 7. Submit items 1-5** at PINA's website: <pinain>, **OR e-mail** to: <info.permaculturenorthamerica@gmail.com>.
- 8. Submit membership dues and application fee of \$200** at the same time:  
If not a current member of PINA, submit **\$60 annual diplomate-level dues**,  
**OR** if a current member of PINA, submit **\$30 upgrade** of dues to diplomate level,  
(plus **\$25** if mailing a paper application packet, for conversion to electronic format).

**SUBMIT ONLINE** through PayPal with your application **OR MAIL** a check payable to "PINA"  
**TO: Permaculture Institute of North America, 1248 Calypso Court, Ashland, OR 97520.**