

NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE BAHÁ'ÍS OF THE UNITED STATES

August 31, 2017

To all Local Spiritual Assemblies  
and registered Bahá'í groups

Dear Bahá'í Friends,

We are pleased to invite all Bahá'í youth who are engaged in their undergraduate studies and who wish to begin participating in the series of enriching seminars prepared by the Institute for Studies in Global Prosperity (ISGP) to express their interest by completing a web-based application form.

The series of ISGP undergraduate seminars, entitled "Participating in the Prevalent Discourses of Society," seeks to accompany Bahá'í undergraduate students annually over the course of four years of university studies. The purpose of these intensive seminars is to raise the consciousness of youth about the importance of engaging in action and discourse directed at social change; to develop their capacity to reflect, to analyze, and to learn from action; to explore elements of a conceptual framework for contributing to the advancement of civilization; to provide them with tools to understand and analyze the culture in which they are immersed as well as the content of the university courses they are studying; to help them assume ownership of their education; and to assist them in their efforts to acquire the kind of knowledge that will enable them to live productive and meaningful lives. The seminars are sponsored by the host country's National Spiritual Assembly and conducted by ISGP—an organization established in 1999 by the Universal House of Justice. A seminar brochure is attached with further details. More information about ISGP may also be found at [www.globalprosperity.org](http://www.globalprosperity.org).

Below is registration information for the upcoming seminar taking place at Bosch Bahá'í School in Santa Cruz, California:

Bosch Winter unit  
Santa Cruz, California  
December 17-27, 2017  
Online application due by **October 6, 2017**  
Form available [here](#)

Applications for the first year of the seminar submitted after the deadline will not be considered. Participants will be required to attend the entire 11-day seminar and will be expected, if they choose to return in subsequent years, to attend the particular unit where they first participated.

The costs of ISGP seminars are substantially underwritten by the National Spiritual Assembly. The remaining cost is a flat fee of \$440. This contributes to the cost of room and board for the 11

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days, as well as the seminar materials. Assistance with raising the necessary funds to attend the seminar will be provided to those who are unable to pay the entire \$440 fee and/or travel costs on their own. For further questions about the seminar, or for assistance with applying, please contact [isgp.bosch@gmail.com](mailto:isgp.bosch@gmail.com).

While each offering of the undergraduate seminars aims to reach as many Bahá'í university students as possible, due to the limited number of spaces available, preference may be shown to first-year students, though undergraduate students who are further along in their studies are also welcome to apply.

We encourage you to share news of this opportunity widely, especially among eligible Bahá'í youth in your area.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth E. Bowers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Kenneth E. Bowers  
Secretary

Attachment