ISGP University Graduate Seminar Application Form – 2023

Please fill out this form electronically and send it as an email attachment to <u>isgp@bahai.org.au</u> (you may need the latest version of Adobe Reader). If you do not receive an email confirmation noting receipt of your application within two weeks of submitting it, please re-send it.

Because of the high number of applicants and limited spaces available, selection will be made within a matrix that maximizes the diversity of the participants. Preference will be given to participants who are under 35 years old and who have completed their bachelor's degree at least one year prior to the seminar. Applications will not be considered after 1 September 2023.

| Last name, First name | |
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| Age | |
| Mailing address | |
| Email address | |
| Phone number(s) | |

| Can you attend the entire seminar? (27 December at 2pm to 7 January at 1pm) | |
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| Can you complete a set of background readings before the seminar? | |

| Can you cover your own travel expenses to the Yerrinbool Bahá'í Center of Learning? | |
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| Can you cover a nonrefundable fee of AU\$650 for seminar expenses, due shortly after acceptance to the seminar? (This covers printed materials, lodging, and meals for 12 days) | |
| If you are unable to cover any of these expenses, can you obtain financial assistance from your Local Spiritual Assembly or another source? | |
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| Where and when did you graduate from secondary school? | |
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| (country / date) | |
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| Where and when did you complete an undergraduate degree? | |
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| Undergraduate field of study | |
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| Graduate degree in progress, if any (include name of university and field | |
| of study) | |
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| Graduate degree(s) completed, if any (include names of university and | |
| fields of study) | |
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| Current occupation or field of service (include location) | |
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| How did you learn about this seminar? | |
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| Please provide an academic or work reference below. | | |
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| Name / title / position or relationship | | |
| Phone number / email | | |

| Please provide a reference for someone that can comment on your engagement in social action, service to | | |
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| humanity, or service to the Bahá'í community, below. | | |
| Name / title / position or relationship | | |
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What is your understanding of the purpose of the seminar you are applying for? Name a few of the reasons that you are interested in participating in this seminar.

As stated in the description of the program, by offering this seminar the Institute for Studies in Global Prosperity hopes to create a space where participants can explore ways in which they can participate more effectively in the discourses of society. What is your understanding of the phrase "discourses of society" as it is being used by the Bahá'í community? List a few examples of situations where you have had the opportunity to participate in a discourse in this manner.

As you know, the title of this seminar is "Discourse and Social Transformation: Achieving Coherence." What is your understanding of social transformation? In a few sentences, describe the activities in which you are engaged in terms of social transformation.