

Are you the next Spring Seminar Dean?

Serve your faith and the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office community in a two-year position (Spring Seminar 2016/2017) planning and leading the Intergenerational Spring Seminar.

Position Description

Spring Seminar Deans are members of the Intergenerational Spring Seminar Planning Committee who help plan and coordinate youth activities for the Spring Seminar and lead the youth staff team during the seminar. They work with the UU United Nations Office staff to ensure that all youth participants have an enriching and inspiring experience at Spring Seminar as, along with other participants, they engage with challenging topics of global concern relating to human rights and social justice at the United Nations.

The Deans participate in choosing and coordinating programming, selecting additional staff, facilitating meetings, collaborating with adult leaders on the Planning Committee, and making Spring Seminar the best it can be. Spring Seminar is a great opportunity for youth from across the country to meet others who are passionate about social justice and learn how to take action on a local and global scale.

All expenses, including travel, meals, housing, and registration at all meetings, including Spring Seminar 2016 and Spring Seminar 2017, are paid for by the Unitarian Universalist Association. Responsibilities include:

- Planning for and attendance at Spring Seminar 2016 (April 6-9) and Spring Seminar 2017 (April, tbd) in New York City
- Planning meetings by phone at least once per week in the months preceding Spring Seminar (approx. Oct-Apr)
- Meeting facilitation and event planning

Application Requirements

Applicants must be high school students (grades 9-12) or the equivalent for home-schooled youth) for both years of their term.



Previous attendance at a UU-UNO Intergenerational Spring Seminar is strongly recommended but not required.

Experience with multigenerational leadership teams is highly desired.

To Apply

Submit a completed application as detailed below. The application includes responses to written questions and an optional video, as well as contact information for two references. Letters of recommendation are not required.

Applications are due by 5:00PM (EDT) August 25, 2015

For more information, please contact the UUA United Nations Office at unitednations@uua.org.

Personal Info

At the top of your application please include the following information:

Full Name	Birth Date
Preferred Name	Year in School for 2015-2016
Mailing Address (including city, state, and zip)	Congregation and District/Region
Phone Number	Identities you claim (gender, race/ethnicity, orientation, ability, etc.)
Email Address	Preferred pronoun

References

Please submit contact information for two references. One reference should be an adult and the other a youth. At least one of your references should be a Unitarian Universalist. Include their full name, phone number, email address and their relationship to you (minister, religious educator, youth group member, classmate, etc.).

Written Questions

Provide written responses to the following questions.

1. Why do you want to apply for this position? What skills and experience do you have in leading large groups of youth and adults?
2. In what ways have you been involved in Unitarian Universalism? This could be congregationally, in your district, as part of a camp, leadership opportunities, etc.
3. Describe a situation where you had to work with a team. What went well? What could you have changed or done differently?
4. Tell us about a stressful experience? What did you do to handle that stress?
5. Do you have any experience in participating in trainings about anti-racism, anti-oppression, intercultural competence or diversity? If so, please describe what those concepts mean to you and something you learned from the training. If not, what is your understanding of diversity and working to end oppression?
6. Describe your vision for youth participation at Spring Seminar and your vision for the Youth programming at Spring Seminar 2016/17. Please include why you think youth participation is important.
7. Describe a positive experience you've had at Spring Seminar. If you've never attended Spring Seminar, please share an experience from another large gathering of UUs.

Video or Personal Statement

The 2016/2017 Dean Selection Team wants to get to know you personally. You are invited to send a video as part of your application. If you do not have the ability to film and post a video, you are invited to send a personal statement or other creative expression instead. Upload the video to the host of your choice (YouTube, Vimeo, Dropbox, etc.) and send us the link.

Be sure to check your security settings so that it isn't publicly viewable to people without the link. Your video will only be watched by the Selection Team.

1. Begin with your name and congregation.
2. Tell us about yourself. Below are some questions you can choose to answer. Please keep your video under three minutes or personal statement under one page.
 - a. Why is Unitarian Universalism meaningful to you? What impact has it had on your life?
 - b. What makes you uniquely you? What are you really good at? What do you want to get better at?
 - c. Share three random facts about yourself.
 - d. If you were to propose a resolution or declaration for the United Nations to adopt, what would it be about? What about your world do you want to change?
 - e. What do you want to make sure we know about you, your experience, your passions, etc.?

Submission

Submit your application by **August 25, 2015** to unitednations@uua.org as a .doc or .pdf attachment. Please also provide a link to the video in both the body of your email and in the text attachment. If you are having difficulty submitting your application in this way, please call (617)948-4365 or email unitednations@uua.org for assistance/alternative arrangements.