Summary of the International Peacemakers Program (Graduate Certificate)

The IPP is for Christians, Muslims or Jews that live in areas where they must co-exist with those of other faiths, and are looking for peacemaking, dialogue and conflict transformation skills, as well as scholarly knowledge of their neighboring religion. The current format of the program also includes an emphasis on public engagement and public speaking skills.

This program is an 18-credit certificate program, which means that you will take 6 full courses while you are here at the Seminary. Upon completion of these 18 credits, you will be awarded a Graduate Certificate in either Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations or Interfaith Dialogue. This program is to be completed within one academic year of full-time study, and a scholarship covering housing, tuition, one round-trip plane fare, basic health insurance, and a stipend is provided for you during this year. It is expected that the student return home after this one year to put their new skills and knowledge into practice. Please note that this program does not constitute an MA degree.

In addition to the regular application for admission to the Graduate Certificate program in Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations or Interfaith Dialogue, you would need to submit a completed IPP Scholarship Application. The easiest and fastest way to apply is online. You may access the online application at this link. Please be sure to print out the instructions before you begin. Here is the link to apply online: http://www.hartsem.edu/admissions/apply-online/. You will be asked to provide materials for the Graduate Certificate as follows:

**Personal Information**
As prompted in the online application.

**Application Fee**
There is a non-refundable $50 application fee. The fee is payable in US Dollars by credit card, bank check, or money order. The easiest way to pay the fee is through the online application. You will be asked for your credit card number at the end.

Alternatively, if you want to pay by wire transfer, you may send the fee via Western Union. Go to any Western Union store and specify that you need $50 in US funds to go to Hartford, CT. Our address is: Hartford Seminary, 77 Sherman Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06105. If you need a phone number, it is 860-509-9552. You will probably need to send the transfer to an individual name, so please send it to Marcia Pavao. You will get a confirmation number from Western Union after you send the money. Please write to admissions@hartsem.edu and let us know what the confirmation number is.

***If you pay via Western Union, you must email admissions@hartsem.edu to provide the confirmation number. This will also let us know that you have filed an online application with us.
Personal Statement
Please write us a personal statement of 1 page describing yourself and why you want to study at Hartford Seminary.

Letter of Recommendation
We will need one letter of recommendation from someone who knows you in an academic capacity. *The person writing the letter for you may email the letter directly* to us at the address below or via email at admissions@hartsem.edu.

Transcripts
Please send all transcripts *directly* to Hartford Seminary *from each institution* you attended. Please be sure the transcripts show all the courses you took with grades. We do not need copies of your certificates.

TOEFL Score
If English is not your native language, you will need to register and take the Test of English as a Foreign Language -- also known as the TOEFL. Here is the link to learn about and register for the test: [http://www.ets.org/](http://www.ets.org/). When you see the webpage, click on TOEFL. From there, you will see links to register, learn about the test, take a practice test, etc. Please list Hartford Seminary as a recipient for your score.

If English has been the language of instruction for one of your previous degrees, you may be exempt from the TOEFL. Please read our English language policy under the admissions tab on this page: [http://www.hartsem.edu/admissions/international-students/](http://www.hartsem.edu/admissions/international-students/)

IPP Scholarship Application
Finally, you will need to send us a completed IPP Scholarship Application. The application consists of three short essays and one letter of recommendation. The application is available on the website, or by contacting Tina Demo at tdemo@hartsem.edu. The scholarship application asks for a second letter of recommendation that is separate from the letter of recommendation submitted for the Graduate Certificate. The scholarship recommendation must be from someone who knows of your motivation for and commitment to peacebuilding and interfaith initiatives. The person writing on your behalf should be able to write in some detail about the kinds of experiences you have had in this arena.