LETTER OF INTENT - 1

(New Certificate or Degree Program)

1. Institution submitting request: University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
2. Education Program Contact person/title: Dr. Ketevan Mamiseishvili, Interim Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
3. Telephone number/e-mail address: (479) 575-2151/kmamisei@uark.edu
4. Proposed Name of Certificate or Degree Program: Art History in Arts of the Americas, Master of Arts
5. Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2023
6. Requested CIP Code: 50.0703 Art History, Criticism, and Conservation
7. Program Description:

This two-year Art History MA program in Arts of the Americas is conceived in collaboration with the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. The program offers a solid grounding in art’s myriad and complex global histories while providing a specialty in arts of the Americas. We have chosen this particular focus for a variety of reasons, including our location, our growing and world-class resources in American art, broadly conceived, and our commitment to leveraging these resources to expand access to the arts, which we see as essential to building better futures in society as a whole. Our curriculum is organized around key Themes that we deem essential to understanding both the arts of the Americas and the social impacts of creative practice, historically and in the present: Environment, Heritage, Power, Circulation, Structures and Systems, Identity and Community.  Our program covers the cost of tuition and provides a generous stipend to all admitted students, providing a fully funded pathway toward a wide range of careers in the arts. Educating students in a multivocal and inclusive art history, the program aims to give students the interdisciplinary training and robust work experiences that they will need to thrive with an MA degree in industries that value visual literacy, creativity, communication, collaboration, research and other skills. The program prepares students for top PhD programs in art history, but also facilitates other trajectories for those seeking to contribute to the arts and society with an MA degree.

1. Mode of Delivery (mark all that apply):

 **\_\_\_X\_\_On-Campus**

 **\_\_\_\_\_Off-Campus Location**

 Provide address of off-campus location\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Provide a copy of the e-mail notification to other institutions in the state notifying them of the proposed program. Please inform institutions not to send the response to **“Reply All”**. If you receive an objection/concern(s) from an institution, reply to the institution and copy ADHE on the email. That institution should respond and copy ADHE. If the objection/concern(s) cannot be resolved, ADHE may intervene.

 Submit copy of written notification to Higher Learning Commission (HLC) if notification required by HLC for a program offered at an off-campus location.

 \_\_\_\_\_\_Indicate distance of proposed site from main campus.

 **\_\_\_\_\_\_Distance Technology** (50% of program offered by distance technology)

 Submit copy of written notification to HLC if notification is required by HLC for a program offered by distance technology.

1. List existing certificate or degree programs that support the proposed program: ARTMFA—Art, Master of Fine Arts
2. President/Chancellor Approval Date: January 4, 2022
3. Academic Affairs Officer: Terry Martin Date: December 15, 2021