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Dear members of the IAC Council,

I am delighted to be writing to officially apply for membership in the International Academy of Ceramics on behalf of the Alfred Ceramic Art Museum (ACAM). The museum has long been tangentially involved with IAC through its long-time director Wayne Higby, who is currently a Member Emeritus, and we are looking forward to formalizing our relationship with our own Affiliate Membership.

I believe ACAM is a strong candidate. We maintain a collection of almost 8,000 ceramic objects from antiquity to the present day, including a unique collection from the work of MFA students from the beginning of the program in 1943. Alfred University has been a foundational institution in the development of American ceramics, with many of the key artists who went on to found and develop schools, programs and institutions (like NCECA, founded by Ted Randall) coming from Alfred. ACAM's collection is a key archive of that story, as can be seen in our current exhibition "History: A Legacy in Motion. Alfred Ceramic Art 1900-2025."

In addition to our collection, our exhibition program has a strong record of celebrating excellence in ceramic art. The museum has existed under different names for decades, but in 2014 construction commenced on our current, state of the art facility. In addition to creating a permanent exhibition of our collection, future programming will focus on mid-career and established national and international artists with an aim to showcasing the diversity of contemporary ceramics practices.

Please find attached the requested supporting material, and I wish the jury well in its deliberations.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Evans,

Assistant Director/Curator