**MARYLAND INSTITUTE COLLEGE OF ART**

**International Student Bridging Program**

**August 1, 2016- August26, 2016.**

**What is the International Student Bridging Program?**

The International Student Bridging Programis a special course for new MICA students who are non-native speakers of English and is held before the beginning of the fall semester. The program integratesa cultural orientation to MICA and the United States with activities designed to enhancecommunication skillsnecessary for successful integration into MICA’s studio and academic classes.

**Studio Art Instruction**

This componentis modeled on typical MICA studio classes and is designed to assist students in developing their ability to use art vocabulary, speak about their own artwork, and participate in critiques and class discussions. Trips to Baltimore museums and galleries will offer additional opportunities to practice English in different social and practical settings.

**Cultural Orientation**

This component is an introduction to the conventions of art education as practiced in the United States. Coursework will focus on topics of interest to art students and will include guest lectures from visiting artists. Reading, writing, listening and speaking exercises will assist students in their adjustment to the academic culture of the U.S. and MICA.

**Dates**

The International Student Bridging Program will take place from August 1, 2016- August19, 2016.Participating students will move in to MICA campus housing between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM onMonday, August 1. (Early move in cannot be accommodated). The first meeting will begin at 6pm, August 1and includes a pizza dinner. Bridging Program classes begin on Tuesday, August 2and end on Friday, August 19, 2016.Details will follow after registration.Classes are held for six hours each day, five days per week. After the Bridge Program, all new international students at MICA will begin MICA’s International Student Orientation Program.

**Housing and Meals**

All Bridge Program students are required to livein MICA campus housing during the entire program.

**Cost**

The total cost of the International Student Bridging Program is $2850, which includes tuition, housing, meals, books and activities for the entire program. Personal expenses are not included in the cost.

**Deadlines**

The registration form and enrollment fee of $2850 are due to MICA’s Office of Admission by May 13, 2016 (for freshmen) or May 20, 2016 (for transfer students) and due to Office of GraduateAdmission by May 20, 2016 (for graduate students). Please note that the enrollment fee is non-refundable.

Information on the visa requirements will be sent separately to you after your enrollment is received.