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Crystal Bridges Museum of Art has developed two highly engaging and interactive online courses for high school students. These courses were created to ensure that all students have access to high quality arts education, regardless of their school's geographic location, and that teachers have access to high quality curriculum. These courses satisfy half credit hours in fine arts and the requirement to have an online course for graduation in the state of Arkansas.

The first course, *Art Appreciation and American Identity*, explores big questions beginning with the present. Students learn about contemporary artists first, and then make connections to the past. The course includes a series of discussions and small projects, and culminates in a student-curated exhibition in an exact 3D immersive replication of one of the Crystal Bridges galleries.

The second course, *Art and Process: Creating a Body of Work*, uses artists featured in the special exhibition *State of the Art* as a way to generate ideas for students to create their own unique portfolio. Each week, students both learn about contemporary artists working throughout the country, and produce an artwork in their chosen media. This course culminates in a final online portfolio.

We are currently looking for teachers who want to implement either or both of the courses into their teaching schedule, and invite those interested to apply to the Crystal Bridges Online Scholar Program. This is a competitive, all-expenses-paid online training program for teachers to learn how to teach both of the Crystal Bridges online courses. We invite teachers to apply who are interested in implementing the course in fully online, blended, or face-to-face classroom settings. Accepted applicants are invited to participate in an innovative online four-week professional development course during the summer of 2017.

During the online teaching training course, participants will explore the pedagogy in teaching from works of art, understand the instructional design behind the courses, and learn how to use the online tools that are a part of the courses. Once trained, accepted teachers will be licensed to teach the course at no charge. Apply today.

Applications are due by April 25.