



“The Impact of Where”
Representations of International Experiences

Calling all Creatives:

OCA Mocha and UMBC’s Center for Global Engagement are partnering to host an exhibit in conjunction with [International Education Week](#) (IEW) that centers around UMBC community members’ experiences with living, studying, or working in an international or intercultural environment. IEW is an annual event sponsored by the U.S. Departments of Education and State that celebrates the benefits of international education and study/education abroad programs.

Artists are invited to submit work created using any medium. All artists, regardless of location or experience, are encouraged to submit their best work.

All accepted work must be delivered to OCA Mocha ready to hang. Artists are responsible for printing, framing, or otherwise ensuring their pieces are ready to hang. **If you are located abroad or need assistance in meeting this requirement,** please contact the Center for Global Engagement at globalambassadors@umbc.edu.

The exhibit will open on October 30, 2023, and close on December 8, 2023. This exhibition will be located at the Gallery at OCA Mocha, 5410 East Drive, Arbutus, MD 21227. We will promote the exhibition via means including UMBC’s IEW website, the Center for Global Engagement and OCA Mocha social media channels, and community newsletters.

Eligibility: Artists from the following communities are invited to submit their work:

- International students who are currently studying at UMBC or who have graduated from UMBC,
- Current UMBC students, faculty, staff, or alumni who have lived, studied, taught, or worked abroad,
- UMBC Fulbright recipients, and
- Current UMBC students, faculty, staff, or alumni whose art reflects international topics.

Entry is free of charge. All accepted work will be displayed in person at the Gallery at OCA Mocha and online through OCA Mocha's website and social media channels.

Submissions must include:

1. **Contact information:** name, phone, email, website, Instagram handle (if applicable).
2. **Information about each piece:** image file, title, FRAMED dimensions, medium, date created, whether a print can be made if needed, and a short description that describes the location and its impact on the artist.
3. Please submit the above to OCA Mocha's Art Coordinator, Karen Hayes-Karn, [using this form](#).
4. If you have questions, please email Karen at khayesk1@umbc.edu with "OCA Mocha-IEW: "The Impact of Where" as the subject line.

Important Dates:

1. The deadline for submitting your work for consideration is **October 15, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. eastern time**.
2. Notification of selections will be emailed by **October 19, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. eastern time**.
3. All artwork must be dropped off at OCA Mocha by **October 27, 2023 at 6 p.m. eastern time**.

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Mission: OCA Mocha is a shared, multi-purpose space that fosters ongoing engagement between UMBC and its neighboring communities and promotes economic development in southwestern Baltimore County. OCA Mocha will catalyze genuine symbiotic relationships between UMBC and its surrounding communities by fostering social opportunities and economic development. The Gallery at OCA Mocha is dedicated to promoting and showcasing the creative efforts of UMBC and the surrounding community in its mission to unite people through artistic expression.