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Via email: secretariat@uarctic.org

Subject: Letter of Intent for Membership in the University of the Arctic (UArctic) Network

Members of the UArctic Secretariat,

I am writing on behalf of the Arctic Initiative at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, to express our strong interest in becoming a member of the University of the Arctic (UArctic) network. This letter of intent serves to confirm that our application for membership is fully supported by our institution's leadership.

Our primary interests in joining the UArctic network are as follows:

- Collaboration and Knowledge Exchange: We believe that by joining the UArctic network, we will be able to augment and expand our collaborative efforts with academic institutions and organizations from the Arctic region, promoting the exchange of knowledge, best practices, and innovative solutions to the challenges faced by the Arctic and its residents.
- Capacity Building and Education: By participating in UArctic's educational and capacity-building programs, we hope to contribute to the development of future Arctic leaders, researchers, and policymakers. Our expertise in policy analysis, international relations, and environmental sustainability will complement the diverse range of disciplines represented in the UArctic network.
- Research Opportunities: Through our membership in the UArctic network, we look forward to participating in collaborative research projects that address critical issues in the Arctic, generating insights that can inform policy, support sustainable development, and promote the well-being of Arctic communities.

We are confident that our membership in the UArctic network will enable us to further our commitment to the Arctic and contribute to the network's mission of fostering cooperation, coordination, and interaction among Arctic research and educational institutions. We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to work together with fellow UArctic members in pursuit of our shared goals.

Thank you for considering our application for membership. We look forward to the prospect of joining the University of the Arctic network and participating in its important work.

Sincerely,

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2023 UARCTIC MEMBERSHIP APPLICANT - PROFILE

Applicant: Arctic Initiative, Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School

Country: United States

Membership Category: Arctic

Membership Type: Other Institution

Profile Description:

Founded in 2017, the Arctic Initiative at the Belfer Center addresses the challenges and opportunities being created by rapid climate change in the Arctic. It does so by (i) integrating insights from cutting-edge scientific research and Indigenous knowledge to improve understanding of the pace of climate change there and its implications inside and outside the region; (ii) working with local, regional, national, and international leaders on applying the best current understandings of Arctic climate change, and of options for addressing it, to the development and implementation of appropriate policies; and (iii) helping to train a new generation of interdisciplinary Arctic experts and Arctic-savvy leaders motivated and equipped to carry this work forward.

Strategic/Thematic Focus Areas:

- Arctic Education and Leadership Development
- Permafrost and Global Climate Impacts
- Sustainable Ocean Management
- Arctic Governance, Cooperation, and Diplomacy
- Arctic Resilience, Infrastructure, and Public Health