



Emily Ironside

Director of Development



Emily Ironside has more than seven years of experience working in the field of arts philanthropy.

In her fifth year at Crystal Bridges, Emily has served in various roles in membership and development dedicated to advancing the mission of Crystal Bridges. Now as the Director of Development, Emily leads the development department in carrying out the strategic vision of the museum for securing private gift support from individuals, corporations, and foundations.

Prior to serving at Crystal Bridges, Emily worked at the Annual Giving manager at Walton Arts Center where she fell in love with the field of arts philanthropy. Her previous career included more than ten years of experience in international education and recruitment, serving international students and executives at the University of Arkansas, Walmart's International Division, and the YMCA of the Rockies.

A native of Rogers, AR, Emily earned her M.A. in Communication from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, AR and her B.A. in Mass Communications from Lindenwood University in St. Charles, MO.