



February 19, 2023

Marwan Kraidy
Dean and CEO
Northwestern University in Qatar
Education City, Qatar

Dear Dr. Kraidy:

MediArXiv is extremely grateful for Northwestern University in Qatar's inaugural **Membership Circle participation** in 2021. We are writing to request a renewal of Northwestern's participation in 2023, as one of three members, together with the Annenberg School of Communication at the University of Pennsylvania and Utrecht University Library. The Membership Circle participants support our annual payment to our host, the Center for Open Science (COS).

MediArXiv is a community-run open archive for media, film, and communication studies. MediArXiv was founded in 2019 and is governed by 16-member Steering Committee of academics and librarians from around the world. We provide a non-profit platform for media, film, and communication scholars to upload their working papers, pre-prints, accepted manuscripts (post-prints), and published manuscripts. The mission of MediArXiv is to open up media, film, and communication research to a broader readership and to help build the future of scholarly communication. We receive submissions from around the world, which we moderate in 11 languages

We did not seek renewal in 2022 because MediArXiv planned to move to a different host, the California Digital Library. As a result, we anticipated that our existing funds could cover six months (\$500) of Center for Open Science fees. As described in our Annual Report (enclosed), we opted to stay with COS. We negotiated a \$500 payment for 2002, with the balance covered in a 2023 payment of \$1500.

Please see our enclosed information sheet about the Membership Circle. In exchange for your generous support, we will continue to feature the Northwestern on our [website](#) and social media channels.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Pooley', with a stylized, cursive script.

Jeff Pooley

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