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This letter, sent on behalf of the MediArXiv Steering Committee, formally acknowledges the 2021 membership of the Annenberg School for Communication Library in the MediArXiv Membership Circle.

MediArXiv is a community-run open archive for media, film, and communication studies. We provide a non-profit platform for media, film, and communication scholars to upload their working papers, preprints, accepted manuscripts (postprints), 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 owe special gratitude to the Annenberg School for Communication Library as the inaugural member of the Circle. Your leadership and support for the initiative will help ensure the archive's growth and sustainability.

This letter acknowledges the receipt of the \$500.00 membership fee on January 8, 2021. MediArXiv is a registered non-profit corporation in the state of Pennsylvania, with 501(c)(3) status.

Sincerely,

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

Jeff Pooley

Co-Coordinator
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MediArXiv Membership Circle

What is MediArXiv?

[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.

What is the legal status of MediArXiv?

MediArXiv is a [registered non-profit](#) corporation in the state of Pennsylvania, with [501\(c\)\(3\) status](#). We have partnered with the [Center for Open Science](#), a nonprofit organization who operates the [Open Science Framework](#) upon which MediArXiv is hosted and developed. All of our operating documentation is [available to the public](#) on Github, openly licensed.

Operating MediArXiv incurs expenses. Minor expenses include registration of the domain name and shared hosting. Further, as of 2020, the Center for Open Science is requesting that their partnering preprint servers contribute towards the expenses of operating the server, including developer maintenance, DOI minting, hosting, and overhead, on a cost recovery basis. With this in mind, MediArXiv is creating a [Membership Circle](#), formed of organizations interested in supporting open dissemination of media scholarship.

What is the request?

We are asking for \$500.00 annually from each member organization. Renewals will be invoiced on an annual basis. In exchange, we will feature your organization on our [website](#) and social media channels (unless you ask us not to). Thank you for your consideration!

Ready to join?

Great! Please send an email to mediarxiv@mediarxiv.com to get started. Invoices can be paid via ACH bank transfer or credit card.