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Introducing the ArchivesSpace Diversity Partnership

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Background

- This initiative took shape following the George Floyd and Breonna Taylor murders through conversations at both the membership and governance levels of ArchivesSpace.
- We wanted to do more than simply issue a statement, but rather leverage time and resources to help make the ArchivesSpace community more diverse and inclusive.
- Nor do we imagine that our work ends here. This is one of a series of initiatives ArchivesSpace community will undertake over the next few years to help to address systemic racism in the larger field.





What is ArchivesSpace?

- An archives information management software application:
 - An open source, browser based, archives information management application for managing and providing access to archives, manuscripts and digital objects.
 - Supports a range of archival functions, including accessioning, arrangement, description, preservation, and access.





What is ArchivesSpace?

- An archives information management software application:
 - Contains a staff user interface where the bulk of archival functions are performed as well as an optional public user interface to make your materials available to a wider audience.
 - Promotes adoption of standards and development of shared best practices.
 - By archivists for archives, and supported by diverse archival repositories to fill a common need for archives.





What is ArchivesSpace?

- A Community
 - One of the guiding Principles of ArchivesSpace is to foster a community of mutual support, making it possible for members to help each other and themselves.
 - This community is comprised of archivists, librarians, metadata analysts, system administrators, developers, service providers and more working together to create an application that reflects our shared values and solves common problems





What is ArchivesSpace?

- A Community
 - Application is free to download and use but there is an institution-based membership model to achieve sustainability.
 - Membership benefits include access to the User Manual and training videos, access to member only events and listservs as well as the opportunity to serve in governance and shape the future of the application and community.
 - Membership to ArchivesSpace is included in the Diversity Partnership.





How using ArchivesSpace helps archives

Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library
Archives Research Center
Finding Aids

Collections Digital Materials Unprocessed Material Subjects Names Help Q

Search The Archives

Enter your search terms Search all record types Keyword Years: From To

Welcome to the Archives Research Center

About the Archives Research Center

The Archives Research Center's collections primarily document the African American experience through civil rights, race relations, education, literature, visual and performing arts, religion, politics, and social work. The holdings include books, manuscript collections, digital collections, and materials documenting the Atlanta University Center schools, as well as the African American and African Diasporic experience. The core of our manuscript holdings are built upon the Atlanta University Trevor Arnett Library's Negro Collection. These resources contain letters, photographs, writings, yearbooks, programs, minutes, and much more. Under the auspices of the Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library, the archival and manuscript holdings continue to develop and expand.

Guide to Searching Archives

The Archives Research Center finding aids act as inventories that describe and list the contents of collections and contain information about the person, family, or organization that created the collection. Through this site, you will be able to search and browse finding aids for more than 140



ArchivesSpace at the Atlanta University Center



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A What Diversity Partners will get

For the duration of the three-year term, each ArchivesSpace Diversity Partner will receive, **at no cost to them**:

- ArchivesSpace membership
- ArchivesSpace hosting and technical support from a Registered Service Provider
- introductory and specialized training
- ongoing user support, including as part of the new ArchivesSpace Member Match program

These are resources that commonly help people in getting going with ArchivesSpace, but Partners do not need to use all of them. All Partners will be ArchivesSpace members for the duration of the program.





Timeframe

- Three-year term beginning July 1, 2021, ending June 30, 2024
- All partners will have the same term, but partners may choose to schedule training or onboarding with hosting according to what works best for them.
- Intended for institutions that will be ready to begin implementing ArchivesSpace during 2021. If your institution is not ready, best to wait to apply.





Who is eligible

- Academic Minority-Serving Institutions such as Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), and Tribal Colleges and Universities
- Non-profit or community archives primarily run by or serving BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color)
- Tribal archives
- Cannot be a current or former member of ArchivesSpace or a client of any hosting provider.
- Cannot be part of a parent institution that does not meet these criteria.





Responsibilities of a Partner

- Actively work to implement ArchivesSpace at their institution.
- Attend occasional ArchivesSpace Diversity Partnership meetings and provide feedback about their experience implementing ArchivesSpace and participating in the ArchivesSpace member community. It is anticipated that all meetings will be online; travel support would be provided if a meeting were to be held in person.

NOTE: All data in an ArchivesSpace implementation belongs to the Partner. All information about progress of a Partner's implementation will be held confidential.





Responsibilities of ArchivesSpace

- Provide, at no cost to the Partner, the implementation resources selected by the partner institution, which may include membership, hosting, training, user support and technical support. Resources will be provided according to the standard terms of these offerings.
- Provide opportunities for partner institutions to connect with each other and others in the ArchivesSpace community.





How to apply

- Download the Expression of Interest form.
- Submit it and a statement about your institution, the communities you serve, and your interest in the program (no more than two pages) to ArchivesSpaceHome@lyrasis.org.
- You may be contacted to meet with the reviewer group for further discussion about your application.





Evaluation criteria

- The degree to which the type of institution and the primary communities the applicant serves are underrepresented in the current ArchivesSpace member community. In keeping with the values of the program, we will also seek diversity in the types of institutions and communities served among the Partners when possible.
- The degree to which the applicant's expectations and organizational capacity match with what the Partnership is offering.
- The demonstrated impact to the public and/or the applicant's community (as the applicant defines it) if the collections of the applicant are better managed and made accessible (as the applicant defines "accessible").

We expect to be able to accept up to three partners at this time.





Important dates

March 15, 2021 - expressions of interest due

May 1, 2021 - applicants notified

July 1, 2021 - cohort begins





Questions?
Thoughts?
How can we help?

You can also reach us at anytime at
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