

ABOUT US

The Black Metropolis Research Consortium (BMRC) is a Chicago-based membership association of libraries, universities, museums, community/arts organizations, and other archival institutions that document African American and African diasporic culture, history, and politics, with a specific focus on materials relating to Chicago.

The BMRC's mission is to connect all who seek to document, share, understand and preserve Black experiences.

The BMRC believes collaboration and resource sharing are essential to creating historical value and innovation. By sharing resources and expertise and jointly developing collections, the BMRC facilitates broad access to African American materials in Chicago institutions. BMRC membership means joining a community of people and organizations passionate about preserving and telling the stories of Black Chicago.

JOIN US

Ready to join the BMRC? There are several ways to do so:

1. Find our online application here:



<https://bmrc.lib.uchicago.edu/about/membership-information/>

2. Email us:
bmrc@uchicago.edu
3. Call us:
773-702-2388

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Full Members and Associate Members

must have archives that are:

- Free and open to the public, and
- Contain collections or materials relevant to Black experiences

Full membership is the default level of membership for institutions meeting the above requirements. The Associate Membership level is determined by the BMRC's Board of Directors and is based on full-time collections staff, size of organization, budget, and other operating factors of the organization.

*If you or your organization does not meet the requirements for full membership, consider an Affiliate membership with the BMRC. **Affiliate Members** are:*

- **Organizations** or **Individuals** without freely accessible or relevant archives, but who support the mission and work of the BMRC
- Holders of private collections, collections not yet accessible to the public, family archives, and independent researchers

Membership year runs from July 1 to June 30 annually.

Membership Benefits

| | FULL \$2000/yr | ASSOCIATE \$500/yr | AFFILIATE - ORGANIZATION \$200/yr | AFFILIATE - INDIVIDUAL \$50/yr |
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| Collections included in the BMRC Archives Portal | ● | ● | | |
| Access to a network of archivists, librarians, researchers, and other professionals with knowledge of Black history and culture, especially in Chicago | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Workshops | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Grant participation | ● | ● | | |
| Eligibility to serve on the BMRC Board, committees, and working groups | ● | ● | By invitation | By invitation |
| Voting rights on consortium initiatives brought to the membership | ● | ● | | |
| Participation in BMRC Programs, including the Summer Short-term Fellowship Program and Archie Motley Archival Internship Program | ● | ● | | |
| Promotion on the BMRC website and/or communication channels | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Invitation to annual meeting and events | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Monthly e-newsletter and mailing (print copy) of BMRC News, our biannual newsletter | ● | ● | ● | ● |