

MISSION STATEMENT

The Global Libraries Program of the World Archaeological Congress (WAC) aims to develop archaeological library collections for the benefit of disadvantaged communities worldwide. By supporting such libraries, WAC hopes to assist archaeological and cultural heritage management students and professionals to undertake and excel at their study and work.

LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

§ 1 Libraries may apply for membership in the Global Libraries Program of WAC.

§ 2 The application must contain documentation to support all membership criteria.

§ 3 Membership criteria for libraries:

1. Libraries must be from a developing or transition country, state, or region as designated by the United Nations Statistics Division.
2. Alternatively, the library must support a minority population that has difficulty meeting their research needs elsewhere.
3. The library must be associated with a university, NGO, or governmental organization directly in charge of cultural heritage management.
4. The library must be an existing specialized library or have a distinct section devoted to archaeological and/or cultural heritage research materials.
5. The Library must provide access to both internal and external researchers and readers whether or not directly affiliated with the administrative body responsible for provision of the library facility.
6. Library opening hours must allow for reasonable access to the collections and services in line with established business hours within the region.
7. The Library must have or be making clear advances towards providing open access to descriptive records of its holdings.
8. The Library must show a desire for ongoing collection development.
9. The Library must provide all interested users access to its holdings. The Global Libraries Committee must approve any restrictions to access.
10. The Library must confirm receipt of each donation. Failure to communicate with the program for a full year will result in removal.

§ 4 The final decision whether a library meets all membership criteria will be made by the WAC Executive Council in consultation with the Global Libraries Committee which will review each application.

§ 5 Membership can be suspended or withdrawn at any time by the Global Libraries Committee if there is evidence that a library no longer fulfills all criteria.

§ 6 There is maximum of 50 libraries to which membership in the Global Libraries Program is granted. If more libraries qualify for membership, libraries are ranked by the Global Libraries Committee according to need.

§ 7 The membership decision cannot be challenged. Libraries may re-apply one year after initial denial.