Special Announcements

2021-2022 Archives Unleashed Cohort Program

We are pleased to announce a new opportunity for individuals to engage with web archives research, through the Cohort Program.

The Call for Proposals is now open! Visit archivesunleashed.org/cohorts for program details.
Archives Unleashed Cohort 2021

The Archives Unleashed Project is launching the cohort program, to facilitate research engagement with web archives.

 Participate in a year-long intensive collaboration and receive mentorship from Archives Unleashed.

✓ Virtual opening event (July 2021)
✓ Closing event at Internet Archive (tentatively May 2022)
✓ Travel support for cohort events
✓ Bi-monthly mentorship and support meetings
✓ Access to the Archive-It Research Cloud
✓ $11,500 in funding for to support project work
✓ Produce a full-length manuscript

Submissions

Cohort Applications available at archivesunleashed.org/cohorts

Applications are due by 11:59 PM EST on 31 March 2021

Project Updates

ARCHIVES UNLEASHED TOOLKIT
0.90.0 RELEASE
JANUARY 2021

https://github.com/archivesunleashed/aut/releases
In January, Archives Unleashed announced the Toolkit’s 0.90.0 release, which includes support for Java 11, Scala 2.12+ and Apache Spark 3.0+

Release notes: https://github.com/archivesunleashed/aut/releases/tag/aut-0.90.0

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<th>UNDER DEVELOPMENT</th>
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<td>Toolkit development:</td>
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<td>Cut a 0.90.0 release;</td>
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<td>Implemented long-anticipated support for Java, Scala, and Apache Spark;</td>
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<td>Merged 15 pull requests; closed 9 issues; fixed 3 bugs.</td>
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<td>Conducted maintenance work on the Archives Unleashed Cloud.</td>
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<td>Engaged with organizations and presented on current and upcoming project initiatives.</td>
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<td>Drafted several wireframe iterations for new UI, which integrates Archives Unleashed Cloud and the Archive-It Research Service.</td>
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<td>Conducted concept design interviews with Archive-It Partners and Archives Unleashed Users.</td>
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<td>Currently, Nick Ruest and Helge Holzmann have been hard at work building the new interface prototype, which will provide users the ability to generate and download over a dozen datasets.</td>
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<td>Launch Cohort Program and opened call for proposals.</td>
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**AU Reading List**

Engaging with Early Web Archive Collections

[Archive-It](https://archive-it.org) and the [Archives Unleashed](https://archivesunleashed.org) project have collaborated to highlight three

Engaging with the Canadian Web Archiving Coalition

Earlier this year, Archives Unleashed had an opportunity to engage with CWAC ([Canadian Web](https://canadianwebarchiving.org))
collections unified around the broader theme of the early web experience: GeoCities, Friendster, and an early web language annotations collection. The aim of these collections is to broaden access to web archives, spark investigative curiosity, and encourage research and engagement with web archive data.

(Read More...)

Archiving Coalition), a group that focuses on web archiving supports for practitioners and researchers across Canada. Learn more about how developments by the project promote access and usability of web archives and next steps the community can take part in. Presentation slides and recording have been made available.

(Read More...)

Recently Published

Our team is committed to making our work available and easily accessible. We've recently published two open-access articles and are pleased to share them with the community.

From archive to analysis: accessing web archives at scale through a cloud-based interface

By Nick Ruest, Samantha Fritz, Ryan Deschamps, Jimmy Lin, and Ian Milligan

International Journal of Digital Humanities
https://doi.org/10.1007/s42803-020-00029-6

Building community at a distance: a datathon during COVID-19
The Archives Unleashed Project aims to make petabytes of historical internet content accessible to scholars and others interested in researching the recent past. Supported by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the project will develop web archive search and data analysis tools to enable scholars.
and librarians to access, share, and investigate recent history since the early days of the World Wide Web.

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