



Short Film Commission Guidelines

The Ardán / RTÉ Short Film Commission is an opportunity for a team of three to apply for an award of €15,000 to produce a live action short film of up to 10 minutes in length. Each team must include an individual Writer, Director and Producer to apply.

Each application will be assessed independently, with up to five teams being invited to an interview to pitch their film to a panel.

One team will be awarded the Commission, and the successful candidates will be provided with mentorship and guidance from a host of experienced industry professionals.

Guidelines

- Applications are accepted from teams of three people, which must comprise an individual Writer, Producer and Director. As this is Ardán's flagship short film scheme, we aim to provide an opportunity for each of the main roles and therefore are not seeking a writer/director.
- A team can only apply with one project for the scheme.
- A person can be a part of a maximum of two teams' applications.
- Each team member must be habitually resident in Ireland.
- Applicants must be 18 years of age or over
- Students in full time education are not eligible to apply
- Each member must have been previously involved in the making of a short film in their relevant role.
- Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted
- Screenplays may be **no longer than 12 pages** and must be in **industry-standard format**.
- Films can be based and shot anywhere in Ireland.
- The rough cut of the film needs to be delivered by 21st March 2025.
- The films applied with can be English or Irish, but if it is an Irish language script, an english translated script must also be provided.
- Writers must submit a signed declaration of ownership of all materials. This is a document stating that the screenplay submitted is your original work.
- Producer and directors' personal statement may be no longer than 1 page.
- Producers must ensure they adhere with the new taxation requirements from Revenue when paying crew involved in the making of the film.
- Please note all teams must be gender balanced across the selected teams and requested crew list.
- We welcome applications from people under-represented in the film industry, including disabled people and ethnically diverse people, people from low socio-economic backgrounds & others with protected characteristics. We are happy to adjust the process to meet any accessibility requirements for the right candidates.

Submission Details:

All of the following assets are required when submitting the team's online application. Each document should be entered as a separate file and they must be provided via a download link in question 20 below. For ease of assessment, we suggest creating a Writer Folder, Director Folder and a Producer Folder with each containing the required relevant documents.

All documents must be supplied at the time of application.

Writers Please provide each of these as individual documents

- A 10-minute industry standard screenplay (maximum 12 pages) (PDF format)
- A logline for the film (max 25 words)
- A synopsis for the film (max 300 words) (one PDF)
- A signed declaration of ownership of all materials submitted (PDF format)
- One page CV containing relevant experience (PDF format)

Directors Please provide each of these as individual documents

- One page CV containing relevant experience (PDF format)
- Online link to your showreel, or previous work you have directed
- Director's notes on the vision and planned execution for the submitted script (PDF Format)

Producers Please provide each of these as individual documents

- One page CV containing relevant experience (PDF format)
- Online link to your showreel or previous work you have produced
- Producer's notes on the on the vision and planned execution for the submitted script (PDF Format)
- Budget for the production (€15,000 budget to include Insurance, Festivals and/or Marketing)
- (Gender balanced) Crew list.

Applications close at 3PM on Friday the 15th of November 2024.#

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