



Roundhouse Film Fund Spring 2026

Terms and Conditions

Outline

The Roundhouse Film Fund awards bursaries to emerging filmmakers aged 18-25 to create short films under 5-minutes in length for an online platform and at a public screening event at the Roundhouse. Awardees will receive a £1000 production budget, equipment loan from the kit house VMI up to an insurable value of £100,000 (for a maximum of 1 week solely from VMI's internal inventory and subject to availability of specific items at the time of hire), overall in-kind support including access to equipment and facilities at the Roundhouse, mentoring by the Roundhouse production team over the production period and £1K towards working with a Bucks Music Group writer to compose the score for the film, as well as access to and free use of the Standard production music library, mentorship with a Bucks sync & media rights team member and a masterclass for advice on music clearances, original composition, music licencing, music rights.

Three bursaries will be awarded in each round of applications.

Timeframe

26th Jan - 10am - Final deadline for submission

10th, 11th & 12th February - Interviews

3rd March - Production starts

12 weeks for Production

26th May - Deadline for final film and all assets

TBC Early June - Screening

Films will have a screening at the Roundhouse to the public, invited industry guests, friends and family.

All Film Fund Films will be submitted for the Wiggin Emerging Filmmaker award.

All films will be platformed on Roundhouse channels 18-24 months post completion.

All filmmakers will also attend a series of distribution masterclasses after the film's completion.

The Film Fund is looking for

- An innovative and highly visual treatment.
- A strong concept for a short fiction, animation, documentary or experimental film.
- The fund aims to support socially relevant films that are entertaining, enlivening and inspiring for audiences.
- Proposals that will develop the filmmaker's skills and experience and help them progress their career – receipt of the fund should help them take their work to the next level.

Conditions

Applicants must:

- Be aged 18-25
- Have a good level of film production experience
- Be able to deliver their project to a good standard

Films must be

- No longer than 5 minutes (maximum)
- Deliverable within timeframe and budget

Application Criteria

Please read the following criteria carefully and include all of the following information:

- **Treatment:** Should include the message of the film, techniques that will be used, visual references, sound references and key audience(s) for the film. See additional Treatment Guidelines attached to the brief.
- **Budget:** Breakdown of costs. The bursary can cover production costs including travel, catering, materials, additional equipment and crew.
- **Previous experience:** Please outline your relevant experience to support your application. Include dates, roles and links to your work or showreel.
- **Reasons for making this piece:** Include your motivations for making this piece and why you have chosen this subject.

Previous films can be found here:

http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8sP52VeANpvQVvFZy9clRF_MuDJe1TpO

For more information contact **Media Projects** on media.projects@roundhouse.org.uk.

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