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Conference Subsidy

Australian International Documentary Conference (AIDC 2026)



South Australian **Film Corporation**

Established in 1987, the Australian International Documentary Conference (AIDC) is the Asia-Pacific's premier event for documentary, specialist factual and unscripted entertainment. The AIDC operates Australia's only dedicated documentary and factual media market. The conference brings together international and national decision makers and buyers and hosts a range of pitching opportunities with market partners.

AIDC 2026 will take place from 2–5 March in Melbourne and 11–12 March online.

What is on offer?

- Passes available are for mid-career and established South Australian factual producers, providing a 50% discount on the purchase of an All Access Pass to the conference
- To support the aims of the SAFC Diversity and Inclusion Strategy, early career factual key creatives from under-represented backgrounds are also eligible for this subsidy.

Successful applicants will receive a link from the SAFC to apply the discount when they register for an AIDC All Access Pass.

For more information on passes, please visit the [AIDC website](#).

Who is eligible?

The SAFC defines credited as mid-career to established applicants with the ability to raise finance in the market having delivered at least one of the following (with a credit in the role in which they are applying to this fund):

- A television or episodic project released on broadcast TV or an SVOD platform
- A feature film released theatrically or via an SVOD platform or has received 40% Producer Offset
- A short film in official selection at A-list festival (See the SAFC Terms of Trade for qualifying A-List Festivals)
- A narrative online work with more than 1 million views or a channel with more than 100K subscribers

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Underrepresented South Australian Writers, Directors or Producers at early career stage are eligible to apply however, they must be able to demonstrate that attendance at the conference will directly benefit their career and advance their projects.

SAFC recognises the following groups as under-represented in the South Australian screen industry.

- Female identifying writers and directors
- First Nations practitioners
- LGBTQIA+ practitioners
- D/deaf and disabled practitioners
- Practitioners from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds
- Practitioners from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds
- Practitioners from regional and remote South Australia

How will applications be assessed?

This funding round will be assessed competitively. Applications will be assessed on:

- The applicant's intended plan for the conference including current slate of projects, planned activities, networking and confirmed meetings; and
- The extent to which that the applicant's participation will support the SAFC Strategic Plan 2025-2028); and
- The strength of the applicant's CV including relevant and recent screen credits, OR
- for practitioners from underrepresented groups, the extent to which the applicant's attendance at the conference will benefit their career and projects.

How do I apply?

Applications must be submitted through SAFC's online grant portal Smartygrants at safilm.smartygrants.com.au

Before you apply, please familiarise yourself with the SAFC's [Terms of Trade](#) and [Strategic Plan](#).

Successful applicants will be notified by email and will be required to enter into a grant agreement with the SAFC.

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An acquittal must be submitted within 1 month of AIDC 2026. The decision on applications will be final. No extensions will be granted.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss their eligibility with the SAFC prior to applying.

Applications open: Tuesday 13 January 2026

Applications close: Wednesday 21 January 2026

Applicants notified: Friday 23 January 2026

Where can I find out more?

Please direct all phone enquiries to the relevant staff below via SAFC Reception on +61 8 8394 2000.

For initial enquiries, please contact SAFC Program Coordinator Julia Light, programs@safilm.com.au

For other enquiries, please contact SAFC Talent Development Manager Jessica Giacco
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