

# MATCH-ME MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

} Supporting South Australian women screen practitioners with invaluable industry experience

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## what is the scheme?

The Match-Me Mentorship Program, as part of SAFC's Career Accelerator, will provide emerging South Australian women screen practitioners the opportunity to be mentored by some of Australia's established screen content makers and Heads of Department.

Over a one year period, mentees will be connected with an individual mentor – a film and television executive or Head of Department (HOD) in their chosen field - to further develop the mentee's professional expertise as they move toward to the next phase of their career.

The Match-Me Mentorship Program can be either project or career plan specific.

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## who is eligible?

Applicants are expected to be:

- / female resident in South Australia;
- / have at least 2 short film credits in the area they wish to be mentored in;
- / is not a full time student.

**Women working in crew roles are encouraged to apply.**

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## what is on offer?

It is anticipated each mentorship will last one year. The mentorship will consist of one face-to-face meeting with the mentor in their city (if interstate) and other interactions as agreed.

Applicants may apply to the Match-Me Mentorship Program with their mentor already secured.

The Program is designed to match ONE mentor to ONE mentee. SAFC will provide up to four mentorships over one year.

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## what special conditions apply?

As part of the MentorMe Program the SAFC will

- / present a case to the mentor/s as to why the applicant is ready to be mentored at this point in her career;
- / provide the mentee one return airfare and 2 nights accommodation in any capital city in Australia to meet their mentor;
- / provide the mentor a set fee;
- / be consulted on the mentorship plan with the mentor and mentee;

## Expectations for applicants

- / Mentees are required to demonstrate a commitment to working in the South Australian screen production industry and to a career in the position or department nominated for the mentorship;
- / Mentees are expected to take an active role in their professional development – setting goals, being receptive to feedback, communicating effectively with their mentor and SAFC

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#### **Costs not provided for within the scheme**

- / The scheme does not provide assistance for overtime or expenses such as per diems to either the mentor or mentee.

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#### **what are the minimum application requirements?**

In addition to the assessment criteria detailed in the General Guidelines & Terms of Trade and the application form; the applicant must submit:

- / a TWO PAGE statement that makes clear:
  - past experience in your chosen field;
  - the three preferred mentors in order of choice, providing reasoning behind mentor choice;
  - outline what skills and knowledge you plan to gain from the mentorship;
  - the long term goals of the applicant and their commitment to work professionally in the industry both nationally and internationally and how this mentorship will position you on your path toward those goals;
- / Curriculum Vitae no longer than TWO pages; and

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#### **how will applications be assessed?**

Applications will be assessed on:

- / whether the chosen mentor/s are seen by the SAFC as a good match for the mentee;
- / a well thought out plan as to the desired outcomes of the mentorship;
- / the applicant's relevant experience in their chosen field;
- / whether the mentorship seems the next logical step in the advancement of the applicant's career.

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#### **when can I apply?**

Applications for the Match-Me Mentorship Program will be conducted on a rounds basis with one (1) round opened per year. The exact dates for the round will be made available on the SAFC website and via subscriber communications.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017**

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#### **how do I apply?**

Applications and support materials are submitted via the SAFC online application form on the SAFC website.

The application process is detailed in the SAFC General Guidelines.

Application forms are available for download from [www.safilm.com.au](http://www.safilm.com.au)

After reading the SAFC General Guidelines confirming eligibility, applicants are required to discuss their applications with the SAFC prior to submitting a completed application.

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#### **where can I find out more?**

- Read the SAFC General Guidelines & Terms of Trade
- Visit the Industry Programs section of [www.safilm.com.au](http://www.safilm.com.au)
- Contact the SAFC on 08 8394 2000

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#### **specific terms of trade**

Additional funding information and conditions:

- / funds are made available as a development grant;

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#### **working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander content and communities**

Applications involving or dealing with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander material should include appropriate permission from the relevant community.

An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander consultant may be appointed by the SAFC to provide an assessment of the application to ensure that appropriate consultation is taking place and that the use of the material is appropriate and acceptable to the relevant community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities generally.

SAFC recommends that applicants refer to the guidelines developed by Screen Australia entitled "Pathways & Protocols: a filmmaker's guide to working with Indigenous people, culture and concepts" which can be downloaded from the following link:

<https://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/getmedia/16e5ade3-bbca-4db2-a433-94bcd4c45434/Pathways-and-Protocols>

This guide is intended to provide practical advice about the ethical and legal issues involved with the transfer of Indigenous cultural material to the screen.

#### **The fine print**

As with all South Australian Film Corporation programs, the following guidelines must be read in conjunction with the South Australian Film Corporation General Guidelines & Terms of Trade and relevant application form. Applicants are required to discuss their applications with the South Australian Film Corporation prior to submitting an application.

SAFC General Guidelines & Terms of Trade and the relevant application form can be found at [www.safilm.com.au](http://www.safilm.com.au)

