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INDIGENOUS FELLOWSHIP RETURNS TO BOOST FIRST NATIONS STORYTELLING FOR SECOND YEAR

The call is out again for First Nations documentary makers in South Australia and the Northern Territory with the launch of the second Centralised Indigenous Fellowship, open for applications from today.

Launched in 2019 under the CENTRALISED banner, the **Documentary Australia Foundation (DAF) Centralised Indigenous Fellowship** is a partnership with the **South Australian Film Corporation (SAFC)**, **Screen Territory**, **NITV** (National Indigenous Television) and **AFTRS Indigenous** (Australian Film Television and Radio School).

Running across three years with one Fellow selected annually, the Fellowship is a funding and support program to empower storytelling and kickstart new projects from Indigenous documentary filmmakers from the Northern Territory and South Australia.

The successful Fellow will receive a grant of up to \$30,000 towards professional and documentary project development, which can include mentorship, research and development, skills development and training, attendance at industry conferences, attachment to a relevant industry professional and more. In addition, they will receive up to \$10,000 of in-kind support to attend training opportunities at AFTRS.

Inaugural Fellow, Northern Territory filmmaker Tamara Whyte, is currently undertaking professional development to further her documentary project *Base 8*, which explores the use of mathematics in Indigenous Culture.

“The DAF Centralised Indigenous Fellowship has been a total game changer for my career. As a carer, parent and Aboriginal woman working in film and media, having the opportunity and the support to craft my own unique pathway for professional development and mentoring has been absolutely invaluable, and has allowed me to take my documentary project to the next level,” Ms Whyte said.

Part of the ground-breaking CENTRALISED initiative between the South Australian and Northern Territory governments to boost Indigenous filmmakers and screen creatives, the DAF Centralised Indigenous Fellowship is an unparalleled opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander practitioners in SA and NT to accelerate their career to a new level.





Applications are open until Friday 12 March, 2021 for early to mid-career SA and NT Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander filmmakers with relevant experience in the documentary sector, and at least one screen credit in any genre.

For application guidelines, and to apply online go to: safilm.com.au/centralised

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ABOUT CENTRALISED

CENTRALISED, developed by the **South Australian Film Corporation & Adelaide Studios** and **Screen Territory** together with collaborating partners **Screen Australia's Indigenous Department, Documentary Australia Foundation (DAF), AFTRS Indigenous** (Australian Film, Television & Radio School), **ABC** and **NITV** delivers a range of opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander screen creatives, creating clear pathways for emerging talent including mentoring, workshops, attachments and internships. Find out more at safilm.com.au/centralised

