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SAFC, SBS & SCREEN AUSTRALIA CALL FOR DIVERSE WRITERS FOR YEAR-LONG DEVELOPMENT INTIATIVE WITH LEADING PRODUCTION COMPANY - APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN -

SBS, Screen Australia and the South Australian Film Corporation (SAFC) are giving South Australian diverse screenwriting talent a golden opportunity to gain hands-on experience with paid work in a leading Australian production company as part of the SBS Emerging Writers' Incubator initiative.

With round one applications opening today, the SBS Emerging Writers' Incubator will place one South Australian writer in a leading Australian production company for a 12-month paid placement, where they will develop ideas into treatments, work across the company's fiction slate of programming, participate in writers' rooms, and work closely with development producers and others to increase their knowledge and further develop their skills.

This innovative initiative supports the SAFC's strategic aim to grow and diversify the pool of credited key creatives and will foster greater diversity in the South Australian screen sector by providing significant work experience in drama production for emerging writers from backgrounds and with lived experiences currently underrepresented in the sector.

Applicants must be from underrepresented groups including First Nations practitioners, practitioners from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, Deaf and disabled practitioners, women and female-identifying practitioners, those from the LGBTQIA+ community, and practitioners located in regional and remote areas.

The national initiative has three rounds over three years, with one placement opportunity each year for a South Australian writer.

SAFC CEO Kate Croser said: "This is a golden opportunity for any writer, but particularly for someone looking to build their credits in television and form relationships with renowned producers. We are thrilled to be able to partner with SBS and Screen Australia on this exciting initiative which aligns with the SAFC's strategic aim of increasing diversity in the South Australian screen sector, and growing and diversifying the state's pool of credited key creatives."

The SBS Emerging Writers' Incubator is a national initiative co-funded by SBS, Screen Australia with participating state and territory agencies including the South Australian Film Corporation, and with the assistance of the Australian Writers' Guild.

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