

Film Lab: New Voices

Proposed program changes



The Program

Film Lab: New Voices (Film Lab) is a low-budget, feature film skills development initiative designed and delivered by the South Australian Film Corporation (SAFC) to provide a platform for the next generation of diverse South Australian filmmaking talent. We are working towards a fourth Film Lab program commencing in 2026.

Proposed changes

The Film Lab: New Voices guidelines will be divided into two separate documents, one focused on the development stage and the other on the production stage.

The team of Key Creatives must be majority (i.e. two out of three of the writer/director/producer) from a group under-represented in the SA screen industry. The SAFC is committed to supporting increased participation of people from groups under-represented in the SA screen industry which include:

- First Nations practitioners
- Female identifying writers and directors
- LGBTQIA+ practitioners
- Practitioners residing in Regional or Remote areas of South Australia
- Practitioners from a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse background
- D/deaf and/or disabled practitioners.

Priority will be given to applications from teams including at least one South Australian Key Creative who identifies as D/deaf and/or disabled.

The program guidelines will also be revised to clarify that Film Lab: New Voices production funding cannot be combined with PDV Rebate.

Applications will be processed in two stages:

- Stage One is assessment of eligibility. Applicants will be notified of a Stage One acceptance or decline within ten business days from receipt of a Stage One application.
- Stage Two is full assessment and shortlisting; applicants will be notified of a Stage Two shortlisting or decline within thirty business days from receipt of a complete Stage Two application.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to pitch to an industry panel comprising SAFC, finance and industry partner representatives. The final decision will be provided five days after the panel meeting.