

# MICRO-BUDGET PRODUCTION PROGRAM

## Frequently-Asked Questions (FAQs)

### **What are the expected deliverables of the Program?**

Telefilm expects that a feature-length film will be available to the public via one or more distribution platforms within 15 months of contracting with Telefilm. Telefilm expects delivery of the completed project no later than 12 months after contracting and it must be made available to the public within three months after its delivery to Telefilm.

While completed projects must primarily be distributed via digital platforms, as defined in the Program's Guidelines, traditional distribution platforms such as festivals, broadcast or theatrical releases are also appropriate to be included in the overall release strategy.

### **Is there a regional or linguistic allocation component to this program?**

No, there is not. However, during its selection process, Telefilm will seek to support projects from different regions. For this reason, Telefilm will work with established industry partners from across the country in order to ensure the presence of regional talent in the competitive roster.

### **How did Telefilm select its partners for this Program?**

The partners are recognized training institutions with a film training program and a strong connection to emerging talent. The partners were also selected in a manner ensuring regional/provincial representation.

The list of selected partners is available on the [Program's website](#). Note that this list may change from year to year.

### **How does an applicant approach an industry partner in order to obtain a letter of recommendation?**

Each partner is responsible for establishing its own selection process in order to provide a letter of recommendation under this program. A template for this letter is available on [Telefilm's website](#). Applicants should contact the partners directly, through the contact information provided on the Program's website, in order to obtain information on the partners' selection process.

Note that each partner can only recommend one applicant per year. Partners should recommend applicants and projects that best meet the evaluation criteria established in the Program's Guidelines.

### **Once an applicant has received a letter of recommendation from a partner, how does the applicant apply to Telefilm?**

The applicant needs to submit the partner's letter of recommendation to Telefilm and complete the application process detailed on [Telefilm's website](#).

### **Who will be responsible for final decision making?**

Telefilm Canada is responsible for making the final financing decisions. The partners are responsible for recommending talent for consideration and evaluation.

### **Can partners be involved in the projects that they recommend?**

Partners can provide support to the projects that they recommend through non-remunerated mentorship or in-kind services. However, in no case can partners acquire rights in the recommended project nor can they benefit from the financing provided by Telefilm to the applicant or from revenues generated by the project. In all cases, partners must avoid situations where their involvement would place them in a conflict of interest.

### **Are documentaries or animated films eligible for financing under this program?**

Yes they are.