

Escalate Feature Focus Writers Initiative 2027

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START YOUR APPLICATION

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Thank you for your application with Screen Queensland.

If you have any questions about any part of the form or your application, please contact the Screen Queensland Content Team on (07) 3248 0500 or email content@screenqld.com.au.

Are you Eligible to Apply?

Initiative Eligibility

- I have written a short film that has played at a recognised prestige festivalOR
- I have worked as narrative lead on a widely received digital gameOR
- I have written a web series of demonstrably high quality and audience reachOR
- I have been credited as screenwriter on a commissioned television series or fully funded feature filmOR
- I have a long-form project (television series or feature film) currently under option/attachment with an established professional producerOR
- I have significant experience in other industry roles (e.g directors, producers or development executives wishing to expand into writing)AND
- I am available to attend all events and workshops as required by this initiative.
- I am available to undertake the scope of work required by the initiative.

General Eligibility

- I am a "Queensland Resident" having lived and worked in Queensland for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the application, with proof of such residency available if requested, to Screen Queensland's satisfaction, including by enrolment on the Queensland electoral roll, statutory declaration or other evidence such as utility bills.
- I am not employed by a state or government screen agency.
- I am not employed by a broadcaster.
- I am not a full time student.
- I do not have any projects in default with Screen Queensland.
- I have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- It is important that your team of key creatives authentically represent the story and characters in your application. If your story includes content or characters from a diverse background, then at least one of the three key creative roles (writer, director, producer) must be held by a person who is representative of that diversity.
- **If this project is an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander story, some or all intellectual property must be owned by members of this community and at least two of the three key creative roles must be held by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander talent. If the producer role is not held by an Indigenous person then an early career Indigenous producer attachment must be brought onto the project.**

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- I have read and agree to the [SQ Terms of Trade](#); [SQ QPE Definition](#); [SQ Strategic Plan 2023-2025](#); [Screen Diversity and Inclusion Network Charter](#); [Screen Australia Pathways and Protocols](#).

Eligibility *

- ☐ I am eligible to apply for this application
- ☐ I am not eligible to apply for this application

If you are unsure, please contact Screen Queensland 07 3248 0500 / content@screenqld.com.au

Please outline how you meet the eligibility criteria for this initiative. *

Outline your industry experience or other qualifications as per options listed under "Initiative Eligibility", above.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Story, Content and Characters

1. Does your script sample contain Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander story, content or characters? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

2. Does your project include any Indigenous heritage elements which include any of the following:

- literary, performing and artistic works (including songs, music, dances, stories, ceremonies, symbols, languages and designs);
- scientific, agricultural, technical and ecological knowledge (including cultigens, medicines and the phenotypes of flora and fauna);
- all items of movable cultural property;
- human remains and tissues;
- immovable cultural property (including sacred and historically significant sites and burial grounds);
- documentation of the Indigenous peoples' heritage in archives, film, photographs, videotape or audiotape and in all other forms of media.

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- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If you answered YES to Questions 1 and/or 2 above, have you read, understood, and will abide by the ICIP Protocols document as outlined by the 'Australia Council for the Arts'? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ N/A

Link: <https://australiacouncil.gov.au/investment-and-development/protocols-and-resources/protocols-for-using-first-nations-cultural-and-intellectual-property-in-the-arts/>

If you answered YES to Questions 1 and/or 2 above, have you read, understood, and will abide by the Pathways and Protocols document as outlined by Screen Australia? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ N/A

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Link: <https://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/about-us/doing-business-with-us/indigenous-content/indigenous-protocols>

If this project is an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander story, is some or all IP owned by members of the relevant community? *

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Are you happy for your project/s, proposal and/or team to be considered for other suitable opportunities beyond this application? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

APPLICANT DETAILS

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Name *

First Name

Last Name

Business Name (if applicable)

ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity Name	
ABN Status	
Entity Type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main Business Location	

Primary Address *

Address

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Suburb State Postcode

Street Address

Address

Suburb State Postcode

Contact Email *

Contact Phone Number *

Applicant Electorate Information

If you are unsure of your electorate, [please look up here.](#)

Q1. Federal electorate for applicant *

Other:

Q2. State electorate for applicant *

Other:

Q3. Local govt electoral zone for applicant *

Other:

APPLICATION MATERIALS

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CV

Please upload your CV below.

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Upload CV

Diversity

Providing the following information is optional. Any answers provided will be attached to your Screen Queensland application. Information about how we manage and use your information can be found in Screen Queensland's [Privacy Policy](#).

Screen Queensland collects demographic data to better understand who is accessing programs and initiatives we are funding and to help ensure our funding opportunities are equitable, inclusive and accessible to a broad range of communities. This information enables us to identify and address potential barriers to participation, monitor the reach and impact of our programs, and inform continuous improvement in our policies and practices.

Providing this information is voluntary and will not influence the assessment or outcome of an application.

Do you identify with any diverse groups in the Australian screen industry?

- ☐ Female identity
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Age (55+)
- ☐ Aboriginal identity
- ☐ Torres Strait Islander identity
- ☐ Cultural and linguistic diversity
- ☐ Person with a disability
- ☐ LGBTQIA+
- ☐ Regional or Remote Queensland (150KM+ from Brisbane or Gold Coast CBD)
- ☐ Low socio-economic status
- ☐ Other:

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Sample Script & Personal Statement

Upload your sample script. Scripts may be for any platform, but must total a minimum of 1 x commercial half-hour or equivalent. *

Attach a file:

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Multiple scripts forming a single narrative in episodic format will be accepted (e.g. webseries); please attach as one file. 1 minute of screen time = approximately 1 page. Scripts must be formatted to industry standard e.g. Final Draft.

Authorship *

- ☐ I confirm I am the sole writer of the script sample provided.

Please write a brief statement about why you wish to participate in this initiative.

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Word count:

Must be between 50 and 250 words.

DECLARATION

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Applicant declaration

- The applicant declares they have read and understood Screen Queensland's funding guidelines and Terms of Trade.
- The applicant agrees and understands that any funding is discretionary and any approvals are subject to funding being available.
- The applicant has the firm intention and is able to proceed with the initiative (if selected) and declares that the information provided, together with all attachments are, to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief, after making all reasonable inquiries, true and correct.
- The applicant undertakes to promptly advise Screen Queensland of any significant changes to the application, the information supplied or the materials submitted regarding the application.
- The applicant warrants that it owns or holds all relevant rights in the submitted original works and any copyright materials necessary to proceed with the application and the initiative and will keep Screen Queensland indemnified against all actions, suits, proceedings, claims or demands made against Screen Queensland by reason of any breach of the above.
- It is agreed that Screen Queensland will not be liable for any action or claim based on any industrial or intellectual property of the applicant arising out, or in connection with Screen Queensland's receipt, custody or consideration of the applicant's submission.
- The applicant acknowledges and agrees that Screen Queensland may download, copy, store and use this application including any material supplied or proffered by the applicant as part of this application and may provide copies and/or access to the application and such material to nominated third parties (including Like a Photon Creative Pty Ltd and third party assessors) for the purposes of the application and the Initiative.
- The applicant agrees that Screen Queensland's liability in relation to the application, the application process and all related matters to the application is limited to \$1. Screen Queensland reserves the right to change any element of the application process and the underlying program at any time, in its absolute discretion.
- The applicant acknowledges and agrees that typing their name on this form and submitting the form will constitute signature by electronic communication under the Electronic Transactions (Queensland) Act 2001.

Privacy Notice and Consent

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- By submitting an application, you agree that we will deal with the personal information you provide in accordance with our [Privacy Policy](#), as amended from time to time, and this [Privacy Notice and Consent Form](#).
- You confirm that you have informed all individuals whose personal information is to be included in the application form or supporting materials of the matters set out in the Privacy Policy, provided them with a copy and obtained their consent to disclose the relevant personal information to Screen Queensland.
- By submitting an application, you agree that your details will be added to our marketing database and that you may receive communications related to Screen Queensland's events, programs and services from time to time. If you do not wish to be added to our marketing base, please click the opt-out check box below.

☐ I do not wish to have my details added to the marketing database

Authorised Signatory

Name *

First Name

Last Name

Position *

Submission Date *