

## **MIFF 37° SOUTH: POSTSCRIPT & DIRECT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR WRITERS**

### ***The opportunity***

Film Victoria is seeking Expressions of Interest from Victorian screenwriters to join the 2016 *37°South: PostScript & Direct* event.

This special initiative between Film Victoria and the Melbourne International Film Festival (MIFF) will sponsor up to 10 early to mid-career Victorian writers to pitch their feature film projects to producers from Australia and New Zealand.

### ***Selection criteria***

This initiative is open to [Victorian](#) writers. To be eligible, writers must:

- / Be Australian citizens or residents
- / Have lived in Victoria for the past 12 months
- / Meet the obligations and requirements set out in our [Terms of Trade](#).

Writers must also meet one of the following criteria:

- / Have previously received Film Victoria Catapult funding
- / Have at least two hours of writing [credits](#) on [professionally produced narrative fiction](#) television (drama or comedy) within the last three years
- / Have a writing [credit](#) on an independently produced [narrative fiction feature film](#) that has had a release via a short-run theatrical window or through alternative online distribution (e.g.: Presto, Stan, Netflix)
- / Have won or been shortlisted for an AWG sponsored competition for unproduced screenplays within the last three years
- / Have won or been shortlisted for an award from a professional screenwriting course run by AFTRS, VCA or RMIT within the last three years
- / Have been selected for the AWG's Pathways program within the past three years.

Writing teams of up to two people may apply, but both writers must meet the eligibility criteria and submit an application.

### ***Exclusions***

Applicants who have previously been sponsored by Film Victoria to attend *PostScript & Direct* are not eligible to apply.

## ***Assessment process and timelines***

Writers will need to have developed two feature film projects that they intend to pitch to producers at *PostScript & Direct*.

Please be aware that selection will be competitive. *PostScript & Direct* is aimed at writers with polished narrative feature film scripts rather than those in the early stages of development.

When assessing expressions of interest, Film Victoria will consider:

- / The execution and quality of writing
- / The projects' potential in the marketplace
- / The projects' level of development and readiness to be presented at a market
- / The projects' ability to engage an audience

Writers may be asked to provide additional materials to support their expression of interest.

Selected participants will be advised of the outcome within four weeks of the deadline and will be required to sign a participant agreement.

## ***Event details***

This year 37°South: *PostScript & Direct* will occur on Sunday 31 July, 2016 at the Forum Theatre, Melbourne.

## ***Deadline***

The deadline for expressions of interest is 10am Friday 13 May, 2016. The form can be found on our [website](#).

For queries contact Program Services Officer [Erin Bretherton](#) on 03 9660 3254.