SCREENWORKS' REGIONAL PRODUCER ELEVATOR 2027 GUIDELINES

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Screenworks' *Regional Producer Elevator* supports two early-career regional NSW producers to take the next step in their producing careers.

The Program provides targeted financial support, career development guidance and access to relevant industry opportunities to help successful participants progress their professional goals, build their industry networks and develop their producing careers.

Each participant will work with Screenworks to develop and refine a Career Plan that identifies their professional goals and the professional development, networking and industry opportunities that will best support their career progression.

The Program is made possible with funding from Screen NSW and support from Screen Producers Australia (SPA).

PROGRAM SUPPORT

The successful applicant will receive:

- Up to $4,000 towards nominated and pre-approved professional development and career development activities identified in their approved Career Plan.
- Up to $1,500 in travel support to assist with attending relevant professional development, networking and industry opportunities.
- Registration to Screenworks' Regional to Global Screen Forum 2027, providing opportunities to connect with industry professionals, participate in professional development and expand their industry networks.
- A 12-month SPA Associate membership.
- Additional mentoring and networking support at Screen Forever, where available, for recipients attending Screen Forever (****Screen Forever ticket is <u>not</u> included and needs to be purchased*).
- Career development support from Screenworks, including support to refine their Career Plan and identify relevant industry opportunities and connections.
- Where appropriate, introductions, networking, mentoring and other industry opportunities, including opportunities through Screen Producers Australia (SPA).

The total financial support available to each participant through the Program is up to $5,500, subject to approval and availability of funds.

CAREER PLAN

The successful applicant will work with Screenworks to refine a Career Plan that sets out their professional goals and identifies the activities and opportunities that will support them to progress their screen producing career.

The Career Plan will be developed in consultation with Screenworks and must be approved by Screenworks and the relevant state funding body before Program funds are used.

The Career Plan may be adjusted during the Program where circumstances or opportunities change. Any changes to the Plan or associated expenditure must be discussed with and approved by Screenworks before costs are incurred.

PROGRAM PERIOD

The *2027 Regional Producer Elevator* will run from **January 2027 to May 2028.**

The Participant's approved Career Plan and activities are expected to be undertaken over a **12-month period,** commencing in consultation with Screenworks. The period to May 2028 provides additional flexibility to accommodate the timing of relevant industry opportunities, activities and any circumstances that may affect the delivery of the Career Plan.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

1. Career planning

Screenworks will work with the successful applicant to refine and approve their Career Plan and associated budget before any Program activities or expenditure are undertaken.

2. Approved expenditure

Once the Career Plan and budget have been approved, the participant may undertake the approved activities and incur approved expenses.

Where appropriate, Screenworks may pay approved costs directly. Alternatively, the participant may incur an approved expense and submit the relevant documentation to Screenworks for reimbursement.

Screenworks will not reimburse expenses that have not been approved in advance.

3. Industry opportunities

Screenworks will work with the participant throughout the Program to identify relevant professional development, networking, mentoring and industry opportunities that align with their Career Plan and career goals.

Participation in additional opportunities will be subject to availability, relevance and any associated costs being approved by Screenworks in advance.

4. Final report

At the conclusion of the Program, the participant will submit a final report outlining their experience, activities undertaken, outcomes and progress against their Career Plan.

The participant may also be invited to present or discuss their report with Screenworks staff, Board and/or members.

5. Evaluation and alumni engagement

The participant will be required to complete Screenworks' Program survey at the conclusion of the Program and participate in alumni surveys for up to 36 months following completion of the Program.

PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

The successful applicant is expected to:

- actively participate in the Program and undertake the activities agreed in their Career Plan;
- communicate regularly with Screenworks regarding their progress and any changes to their Career Plan;
- obtain approval from Screenworks before committing to any expenditure or activities funded through the Program;
- make themselves available to participate in relevant Program activities and opportunities;
- use Program funds only for approved purposes;
- provide a final report at the conclusion of the Program;
- complete Screenworks' Program survey; and
- participate in alumni surveys for up to 36 months following completion of the Program.

CONTACT

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