



GUIDELINES FOR SCREENWORKS' DIRECTOR PATHWAYS PROGRAM 2026

BACKGROUND:

- A. Screenworks' *Director Pathways Program* (the "Program") is supporting the Participant to implement their screen directing career development plan in 2026.
- B. With support from Screen NSW, Screenworks will allocate the Participant up to \$3,500 to cover the nominated and pre-approved expenses generated by implementing their approved career plan.
- C. On top of their career plan, the Participant will also be supported in other relevant industry activities and opportunities as outlined in this document.
- D. This program is made possible with funding from Screen NSW.

PROGRAM PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Director Pathways Program is to give the Participant support to advance their career as a screen director. These guidelines are to serve as a guide for how the Participant and Screenworks will work together for this Program. Mutual understanding and open communication between all parties will contribute significantly to the ability of everyone to deliver on their commitments and on the success of the Program and its outcomes.

PROGRAM PERIOD:

The period for *Screenworks' 2026 Director Pathways Program* shall be from 1 January 2026 until 30 May 2027.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE:

1. Screenworks will work with Participant to refine, then approve, their Career Plan and Budget prior to any activities or expenditures for the Program being undertaken.
2. Once the budget has been approved, Participant can undertake the approved activities and expenditures and can choose to incur the costs then submit an invoice to Screenworks claiming reimbursement for the expenses or get Screenworks to incur the costs directly.
3. Included in the opportunity is;
 - a. Registration to Screenworks Regional to Global Screen Forum in 2026.

- b. Consultation with a representative from the Australian Directors Guild for career advice and industry introductions
- 4. It is expected that the Participant will provide Screenworks with a report on their involvement in the Director Pathways Program at the conclusion of their involvement. The Participant may also be called on to give a presentation of their report to Screenworks staff, board and members.

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