

Micro Film Commission 2022 GUIDELINES

These guidelines relate to the Micro Film Commission 2022. Please read them carefully before submitting your application.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Exeter Phoenix recognises that moving image plays an important role in reflecting our culture, establishing individual voices and can help filmmakers and artists develop new skills and long-term relationships with cast, crew and cinema audiences, both locally and nationally.

Exeter Phoenix has awarded over 100 short film commissions and for many the process has helped establish film careers and played a vital role in building relationships within the creative industries.

The commissions support the production of short films from all genres of film, including live action or animation, fiction and non-fiction. Our aims for the commissions are to;

- Support new and emerging talent within the south west
- Connect filmmakers and creative individuals to a wider cultural network in the region
- Offer a platform and opportunities for work to be shared and seen
- Recognise new, fresh and inspiring ideas from a range of perspectives.

Exeter Phoenix will offer two Micro Film Commission awards of **£500** for the development of an inspiring and original narrative, which is up to 3 minutes in length.

WHAT CAN YOU APPLY FOR?

Exeter Phoenix is looking for concise, innovative stories that can be delivered as an engaging narrative in only 3 minutes. Successful applicants will be awarded £500 to support the production of the film. You can apply for support with all genres of film, live action or animation, fiction and non-fiction.

Exeter Phoenix is not restricting how the award is spent but you will be expected to provide a brief budget if you are invited to interview. Costs might include fees for cast and crew, travel costs, covering personal time, location fees and materials.

The successful applicants will also receive in kind support to the value of £1500, which will contribute towards the production. This includes:

- Hire of [Exeter Phoenix film and sound equipment](#)
- Exeter Phoenix studio hire
- Access to Exeter Phoenix film production facilities
- Support and mentoring from industry experts
- A schedule of industry standard training and workshops in cinematography, post-production and script development provided by Exeter Phoenix.
- Advice in festival strategy and developing audiences.

The finished films will be premiered at [Two Short Nights Film Festival](#) and may be programmed before features in Studio 74.

WHO CAN APPLY?

The **Micro Film Commission 2022** is open to individuals or groups who reside in Devon, UK.

The **Micro Film Commission 2022** is aimed at first time filmmakers or those with limited experience in short filmmaking who are looking to develop their skills and experience. Writers, producers, directors, with a variety of experience are also encouraged but it is not essential to be specialised at this stage.

Applicants must be able to prove they have a permanent Devon address and must be aged 18 years or over. The selected filmmaker may be expected to make occasional visits to Exeter, therefore please consider this when applying.

COMMISSION TIMELINE

Applications open **Wednesday 2 Feb 2022**.

Applications close **5pm, Wednesday 23 March 2022**.

Decisions made by the week commencing **28 March 2022**

Interviews will be scheduled to take place in the week commencing **4 April 2022**.

Training and workshops will take place in **May - June 2022, dates TBC**

Projects are to be completed by **1st November 2022**.

APPLICATION AND ASSESSMENT

All applications must be submitted via our online submission form.

Applicants will be asked to submit an original and concise proposal, outlining the tone, themes, genre and strategy of your ideas.

Exeter Phoenix will accept ideas to be presented in written form (up to 400 words) or as a video (up to 3 minutes).

Applicants will have the opportunity to include a link to a show reel and attached supporting material. This could be examples of previous work, stills, writing samples or visual aids.

Applicants will also be asked to complete a [Diversity Standards form](#) when applying.

All applicants will receive a confirmation email to state we have received your application. Applications will be presented to the commission panel after the deadline.

Decisions will be made the week commencing 21 March 2022. All applicants will be notified of the outcome via email.

If you are invited you to pitch your application at an interview you will be asked to present your ideas to the panel and discuss them in more detail. You will also be asked to provide the panel with a brief budget and examples of how your production will meet our aims and objective outlined above.

CONTACT US

If you still have questions regarding the Short Film Commission 2021 or if you would like assistance with your application please send an email to Claire Horrocks Digital@exeterphoenix.org.uk

Disclaimer

The offer of this commission is correct at time of launch. Exeter Phoenix reserves the right to amend or withdraw elements of the commission offer. The commission is subject to terms and conditions as stated in the final contract, which will be presented to the successful applicant.