

First Nations Practitioner Equity Fund Guidelines

This fund supports professional development opportunities and travel costs for Western Australian First Nations screen practitioners who are ineligible for other Screenwest funding programs.

Read these guidelines together with the [Screenwest Terms of Trade](#) and [Glossary of Terms](#). The Terms of Trade outlines our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, as well as the terms and conditions on which we do business.

Eligibility

Applicant

The Applicant must:

1. Meet the eligibility requirements in the Terms of Trade.
2. Be a Western Australian Resident or a Western Australian Resident Company as defined in the Terms of Trade.
3. Be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander screen practitioner.
4. Not have received funding through this program within the same financial year unless an exceptional opportunity can be demonstrated.

Activities/Projects

Activities or Projects that form part of your application must satisfy the eligibility requirements in the Terms of Trade.

What opportunities are available?

Professional development opportunities

- Opportunities that align with the priorities of the [Screenwest First Nations Screen Strategy](#), [Screenwest Strategic Plan](#), or address identified skills gaps in the First Nations screen sector.
- If you are invited to participate in a Screenwest professional development opportunity, this fund may also contribute towards travel costs, including, flights and accommodation.

Travel funding

- Funding is a contribution towards your total travel costs.
- In exceptional circumstances, funding may be available for national travel to attend strategic meetings, where a strong rationale is provided.

- Highly attended markets/conferences are treated as a competitive Travel Funding round. Applications will only be accepted during the advertised application period. Refer to the list of [eligible travel destinations](#) for more information.

How much funding is available?

Professional development opportunities

Up to \$5,000 per activity.

Travel funding

Up to \$2,000 for national travel.

Applicants based in regional Western Australia can receive an additional amount up to \$500 towards non-direct flight costs.

Funding is provided as a grant.

Only one representative per project or company will be supported for the activity being applied for.

Assessment Criteria

We will assess all eligible applications using the following criteria:

1. **Track record:** Previous experience and/or track record of the Applicant and their demonstrated commitment to their chosen field within the Western Australian screen sector.
2. **Outcomes:** The strength of the rationale for the opportunity, including the proposed outcomes and relevance to the Applicant/company's goals.
3. **Previous funding:** The amount of funding previously provided by Screenwest for the project, and/or Applicant.
4. **Strategic alignment:** Alignment with the priorities in the Screenwest First Nations Screen Strategy, Screenwest Strategic Plan, or that address identified skills gaps in the First Nations screen sector.

We will weight the above assessment criteria as it deems appropriate to best support our strategic purpose.

When reviewing applications, we also consider whether the Applicant has multiple ongoing Projects that could affect the quality or timely delivery of additional Projects.

Application Process

Read the [SmartyGrants](#) application form which lists the materials you will need to submit with your application.

We recommend you discuss your application with the [program contacts](#) before applying and let them know if you require any accessibility assistance to complete your application.

How to apply

- Submit the online application form in SmartyGrants.
- Upload all required documents and supporting materials.

After you apply

- Applications are reviewed to ensure they meet the eligibility requirements above and in the Terms of Trade.
- Screenwest management will assess all eligible applications against the assessment criteria.
- We will notify Applicants of the outcome of their application by email or phone within 4 weeks of the application submission.
- Funding Recipients will enter into a funding agreement with Screenwest.

Ready to start your application?

[Apply here](#)

Contact the team

Contact the team listed [here](#), or by emailing funding@screenwest.com.au.

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