



Short Film Otago Trust Inc

Call for Funding Applications

Applications close 5pm, Sunday October 1, 2017

Short Film Otago September funding round opens

Local writers are asked to submit their original scripts to **Short Film Otago (SFO)** as the latest production funding round opens. Submissions will close on **Sunday 1 October 2017**.

A registered charitable trust, Short Film Otago aims to invigorate screenwriting in the region by generating quality writing, and overseeing full production of two or three of the best scripts each year.

Short Film Otago is a “first step” initiative for local film makers. Similar to the New Zealand Film Commission’s \$10,000 Fresh Shorts scheme, Short Film Otago offers budgets of up to \$10,000 to produce films by writers and film makers early in their career, to help build experience and talent. Prior film making experience is not required, and mentoring is provided.

Short Film Otago uses a “blind” assessment process to determine which scripts will proceed to production. A Selection Committee (appointed by the SFO Board) is provided with copies of all scripts with an identifying number attached and no details of the author/s.

The Selection Committee makes recommendations to the full Board on which scripts will proceed to further development and potential production. Writers of scripts approved for further development will be provided with a \$500 grant.

Short Film Otago Board Chair Al Baddock says the panel is looking forward to receiving scripts from the region’s fresh writing talent.

“This is always an exciting time of year for us and we’re looking forward to seeing some great stories from Otago’s aspiring screenwriters. I encourage anyone with a short film idea to get it in to us.”

Entries are open to anyone living in, or with a strong connection to, the Otago region and can be anything from fully finished scripts to one-page outlines – or works in between. The scripts themselves must be strong, original stories that are visually interesting and have an ideal length of 10 to 15 minutes.

More information about the initiative is available on our website: <https://sfo.org.nz> or by email to contact@sfo.org.nz.

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