**LOCAL/INTERNATIONAL PLACEMENT GRANT
APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

**as at June 2025**

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Te Tumu Whakaata Taonga The New Zealand Film Commission (NZFC) invests in talented ﬁlmmakers and exciting New Zealand ﬁlms to be enjoyed in Aotearoa New Zealand and around the world. We help emerging writers, directors and producers develop their careers by supporting them to gain experience on a significant local or international placement. This might include working on a New Zealand or international feature film production and/or a placement with a local or international company, gaining insights across all areas of film development, financing, production, post-production, distribution and marketing.

The current available placements are listed [here](https://www.nzfilm.co.nz/funding-and-support/develop-your-talent-and-projects/develop-your-talent/international).

You can apply for one or more of these placements (up to a maximum of three). Successful applicants will receive **a one-off grant (Funding) of up to $60,000 NZD + GST** (if applicable) towards their placement. Please note that an applicant can only be successful for one placement at a time, regardless of how many they apply for. The amount of funding we decide to award will depend on the availability of funds in the given financial year, the extent to which your application meets our assessment criteria, and the location, duration and nature of the placement.

If your application is successful, you’ll need to arrange and pay for any visas required for your placement. The NZFC will consider visa-related costs when deciding how much Funding to award and may assist with any paperwork required for the visa process. Payment of Funding by NZFC will be conditional on NZFC being satisfied that you are legally entitled to work in the place where you are offered a placement.

**WHO CAN APPLY**

You are eligible to apply for this Fund if you:

* Are a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident; **and**
* Are available to accept the placement/s you are applying for; **and**
* Are a writer, director and/or producer who has received development funding from the NZFC; **or**
* Have participated in an intensive development programme funded by the NZFC. Examples of these programme include (but are not limited to) Episode One, Moana Pasifika Women Screenwriters Programme, Story Camp Aotearoa, A Wave in the Ocean, Māoriland Indigenous Co-Lab.

**MATERIALS YOU MUST SUBMIT**

* A biography
* A one-pager that speaks to your suitability for your preferred placement/s
* Your passport/citizenship status – including any additional international passports/visas you may hold (e.g. UK/Irish Ancestry or dual nationality).

If you are shortlisted for a placement, you must also provide:

* a budget detailing how you propose to spend the Funding; and
* your proposed travel and immigration/visa arrangements (if applicable); and
* any other materials and information we reasonably require for the relevant placement/s.

**HOW TO APPLY**

* Submit your application using the NZFC Portal before the relevant deadline. *Please note: each placement may have different deadlines – these are specified on the website.*
* We will aim to process your application within 4 weeks of the placement deadline.

By submitting an application for Funding, you agree to these Guidelines (except to the extent varied or waived by us) and our Code of Conduct.

**ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

* NZFC staff will assess your application based on the materials provided, any eligibility criteria for the relevant placement and any other criteria we consider to be relevant (in our sole discretion).
* We will provide a shortlist of applicants to the company/individual offering the placement.
* If you are shortlisted for a placement, you may be required to:
	+ meet with us to discuss your application and any bespoke arrangements for the placement; **and/or**
	+ provide additional materials (as set out above); **and/or**
	+ attend an interview (online/in person).
* The final decision to award a placement will be made by the company/individual offering the placement.
* The final decision to award Funding will be made by the NZFC. Our decision to allocate Funding is discretionary. Our decision will be final.
* Successful applicants will be notified by email.

**CONFIDENTIALITY**

We will use reasonable efforts to keep the information you provide confidential. Please note that any information you give us can be requested under the Official Information Act 1982. If we get such a request, we can talk to you before responding.

**If you have any further questions, please email us at development@nzfilm.co.nz**