

Gateway Film Center and
Greater Columbus Arts Council
present the

2019 Film Fellowship Program

The Greater Columbus Arts Council (Arts Council) and Gateway Film Center (GFC) encourage and support artistic development in the Franklin County area. In this capacity, the Arts Council and GFC have partnered to present the 2018 Film Fellowship program as part of the Arts Council Individual Artists Fellowships.

As part of this exciting partnership, GFC will commission a newly produced short film to air during GFC's pre-show for one month, giving the winning screenwriter(s) and filmmaker(s) access to a large audience of movie goers.

Eligibility

The Film Fellowship Program provides a collaborative grant to a filmmaker(s) and screenwriter(s). **Artists must reside in Franklin County.**

MFA or MA graduate students ARE eligible for this opportunity. All other students enrolled in a degree- or certificate-granting program at the time of application or during the grant award period are not eligible to apply.

Work submitted must have been created within the last three (3) years. Works dated prior to 2015 will not be accepted.

THE PROCESS

The Film Fellowship is a joint fellowship to promote the art of storytelling through film. **The program has two separate selection components** that culminates in a joint commission to collaboratively create a short film.

[Please note below the separate submission processes and timelines for Filmmakers and for Screenwriters.](#)

For Filmmakers

Show Us Your Shorts is a monthly open-mic style opportunity for filmmakers to showcase short-form video work and compete for audience votes and a cash prize.

- a) *Show Us Your Shorts* is hosted the first Saturday of each month, beginning in July 2019. Screenings begin at 4:30 p.m. in House 2, networking at 6:00 p.m. in the lounge.
- b) Each month will feature a max of 8 short films, each with a 10-minute time limit.
- c) Submissions are due by 6:00 p.m. the Wednesday before each *Show Us Your Shorts* event and are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- d) Each month, a winning short is selected by the paying audience and that monthly winner receives a cash prize from the event admissions (tickets are \$5).
- e) A panel of esteemed judges will select *A Best Overall Short* on June 1, 2019 from the 11 monthly winners selected July 2018 through May 2019.

Filmmakers are asked to register by email as follows:

- The subject line should read “Show Us Your Shorts – Your Name – Name of Film”
- The body of the email should include:
 - your name,
 - the name of the film,
 - runtime of the film, and
 - a link to a video hosting website (either YouTube or Vimeo) which can stream your video. Only YouTube or Vimeo links will be accepted.

Deadline to register: The Wednesday before the first Saturday of each month, July 2018 - May 2019.

Register by email to: showshorts@gatewayfilmcenter.org

For Screenwriters

Show Us Your Screenplays is an annual call for submissions of short screenplays (no longer than 10 pages) that are reviewed by a panel of expert judges from organizations such as GFC, Film Columbus, FFOCOL, Nightmares Film Festival, and MOFA as well as local film critics.

Deadline for submission: March 31, 2019

Submit to: showshorts@gatewayfilmcenter.org

THE JURYING PROCESS: REVIEW CRITERIA

The award will be awarded by a panel of experts in the field. Their decisions will be based solely on the artistic excellence of the work submitted for review. You are therefore encouraged to submit works that clearly convey the techniques and concepts you employ. Gender, race, age, financial need, education, professional affiliations, previous recognition, and occupation are NOT considerations for funding.

The panel will consider the following criteria for awards:

- Originality
- Clarity of voice
- General interest in the subject matter

THE AWARD

Monthly short film winners and those submitting screenplays should plan to attend the Fellowship Announcement event on June 1, 2019.

The winning screenwriter(s) will be paired with the filmmaker(s) recognized as Best Overall Short, and a \$4,000 stipend is provided to the filmmaker/screenwriter team to produce a new short film.

The newly produced short film will have the opportunity to air during Gateway Film Center's pre-show for one month, providing access to a large audience of avid moviegoers.

Award recipients should intend to remain in residence in Franklin County for the grant award period (June 2019– December 2019).

QUESTIONS?

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