



BFI FILM ACADEMY
BREAK INTO
FILM



WELCOME

Welcome to the BFI Film Academy

Congratulations on gaining a place on one of our Film Academy short courses. You are now part of the Academy's growing network of young filmmakers and enthusiasts.

The future of our film industry relies on finding and developing new talent like you. The Film Academy is an excellent starting point for your career in film, where you can nurture and grow your interest in the filmmaking process.

It is important to us that the Film Academy is open to everyone. If you think the expense of taking part will be a problem then please speak to your course leader about financial help which is available to anyone that needs it.



STAYING IN TOUCH

 **@filmacademy1**

 **@BFI Film Academy**

 **@bfifilmacademy**

Our Film Academy social media pages are the best place to find out about upcoming events and hear about exclusive opportunities for our alumni, like work placements and traineeships. Make sure you sign up as soon as possible so you don't miss out.

BFI Film Academy Alumni E-Newsletter

If you opted in, you will receive an e-newsletter every two weeks with information on festivals, funding schemes and workshops around the UK hosted by the BFI and other organisations. You can also find out about new placements and experiences.

Watch out for this every month and if you're not receiving it and would like to, drop us a line at ***filmacademy@bfi.org.uk***



BFI FILM ACADEMY SPECIALIST COURSES

Take your filmmaking skills to the next level.

These one to two week residentials focus on the complete craft of one filmmaking specialism – it could be animation, documentary, visual effects (VFX), craft skills or film programming.

These seven courses are open to young people across the UK and are delivered at different locations. Applications will open from October 2021 so make sure you keep an eye out.



BRITISH ACADEMY OF FILM AND TELEVISION ARTS

BFI Film Academy has teamed up with BAFTA to deliver career development and mentoring support to Film Academy participants.

Previous BAFTA mentors of the Film Academy programme include: Producer Chris Chibnall (*Doctor Who*, *Broadchurch*), Production Designer Gemma Jackson (*Game of Thrones*) and Head of Recording Jemma Riley-Tolch (*Dumbo*, *Bohemian Rhapsody*).

WATCH FREE FILMS AND FIND YOUR TOWN

BFIPLAYER

Every participant that completes the Academy will get a free 3 month BFI Player Subscription.

The subscription gives you the chance to watch the latest releases and explore the best from the national and regional archives. It is a great way to get inspired for your next project, watch films you wouldn't otherwise have access to and get familiar with the classics. Please ask your course leader for more information.

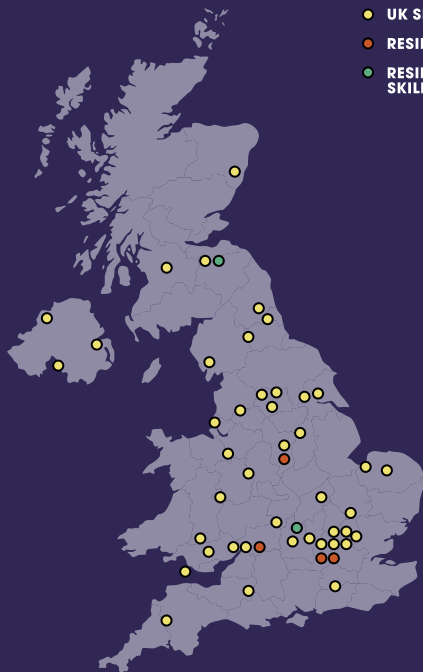


The Future Skills Placement Programme is an exciting initiative funded by the National Lottery and supported by the wider film industry.

The programme places Film Academy alumni on to productions working across a range of departments. We place trainees in roles such as assistant directing, editorial, and production, right the way through to costume, props and action vehicles.

Placements are paid at London Living Wage or above.

The programme runs once or twice a year so keep an eye out for the next call out - it could be you!



- UK SHORT COURSES
- RESIDENTIAL COURSES
- RESIDENTIAL CRAFT SKILLS COURSE

"A WRITER NEEDS A PEN
AN ARTIST NEEDS A BRUSH
BUT A FILMMAKER NEEDS AN ARMY"
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LUX ARTISTS NEXT STEPS SCHEME



BFI Film Academy has teamed up with LUX Artists to support continuing professional development for alumni. The scheme supports young aspiring DOPs, Editors, Production Designers, Costume Designers and Hair & Make-up artists to make their “Next Steps” in the film industry.

Next Steps looks for those with some experience so make sure you keep this scheme in mind after you complete your course.

LABS

Our monthly Lab events are designed to support young aspiring filmmakers to develop your skills and network with others from across the UK. These practical sessions are led by industry professionals and focus on a range of topics so you can learn more about the film industry.

Find out more at bfi.org.uk/filmacademylabs

SCENE

SCENE events showcase the work of emerging film talent aged 16-25. They are a great place to watch some amazing new shorts, ask questions and learn from your filmmaking peers. You could also be chosen to have your film shown as part of the programme.

Find out more at bfi.org.uk/filmacademyscene

RECOMMENDS

BFI Film Academy Recommends is a series of curated screening events on different themes, as well as opportunities to watch and talk about films bfi.org.uk/bfi-film-academy-opportunities-young-creatives. Every Friday our Young Programmers review a short film that they have enjoyed watching on our social channels. Look out for these recommendations across Instagram and Twitter.

ACROSS THE UK

BFI Film Academy Labs, SCENE, Recommends and other events are now taking place across the UK - from screenings and masterclasses to workshops, mentoring and support to make your own films. So no matter where you live, BFI Film Academy has something for you. Ask your course leader for more details.

Check out past and upcoming events online here: bfi.org.uk/bfi-film-academy-opportunities-young-creatives

BFI FUTURE FILM FESTIVAL

The BFI Future Film Festival (February 2022) is the UK's largest film industry festival for young, emerging filmmakers. Whether your focus is on building a career in the industry, finding a platform to showcase your work, meeting other young creatives, or you're just a fan of watching films, the Future Film Festival is programmed with you in mind.





FILM ACADEMY YOUNG PROGRAMMERS

Every year we recruit 10 Young Programmers to help us shape and promote our Film Academy events. The role involves previewing film submissions for Future Film Festival, programming and hosting events online and in-venue, generating marketing and editorial content, and generally acting as the face of Film Academy events.

The role is open to young people aged 16-25 from across the UK and from all backgrounds.

Information on how to apply will be featured in our newsletter and on our social media channels.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Our Film Academy online resources are there to help you with your next steps.

Our resources page can help you with:

- Career advice, tips and tricks.
- Festivals for young filmmakers.
- Information on specialist areas of film making.

Visit bfi.org.uk/filmacademy to find our resources page.

FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES



guru.bafta.org/live

BAFTA's UK wide annual festival of talks, workshops and masterclasses specifically aimed at new entrants to the industry.



ScreenSkills offer opportunities to new entrants across the UK, including bursaries, careers events and a mentoring programme. Make sure you look out for the Trainee Finder scheme for film or high-end TV, which places new entrants on UK feature films, children's TV and high-end TV dramas across the UK.

Visit their website for insights, career development information and other opportunities.

JUSTRUNNERS

justrunners.uk

Apply to receive work and training as a paid runner for independent films.

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associates

saraputt.co.uk

Sarah Putt Associates is the leading independent UK agency for film and television heads of department. They also have a trainee assistants scheme to provide opportunities to those at the start of their careers.

BBC

bbc.co.uk/careers/trainee-schemes-and-apprenticeships

BBC apprentice and trainee schemes – for candidates who are passionate about a career in the creative industries.



careers.channel4.com/4talent

The Channel 4 Production Training Scheme is for entry level talent who want to break into the media industry and are passionate about making television programmes.

MY FIRST JOB IN

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myfirstjobinfilm.co.uk

Search the site for professional training with a range of providers. Also provides information on entry level job opportunities.