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ENTRANTS ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT FOR LEXUS AUSTRALIA SHORT FILM FELLOWSHIP 2018

Sydney Film Festival and **Lexus Australia** are encouraging all up and coming Australian filmmakers to enter the **Lexus Australia Short Film Fellowship** through Sydney Film Festival, with submissions accepted from **4 December 2017** until **29 January 2018**.

The Fellowship is the largest cash prize for short film in Australia, offering \$50,000 each to four filmmakers to produce their next short film.

All new entries are welcomed, and Australian filmmakers who have submitted this year through the international competition – Lexus Short Films - are encouraged to re-submit through the **Sydney Film Festival website**.

The **Lexus Australia Short Film Fellowship**, as in previous years, will shortlist 20 finalists early next year. The four winning Fellows will be announced during Sydney Film Festival in June 2018, and see their work premiered at the 2019 Festival.

Finalists are selected by a jury panel of Australian independent industry professionals, which have previously included **David Wenham** and **Judy Davis** as Jury Chairs.

“Lexus Australia is proud to continue to provide a platform for emerging Australian filmmakers to showcase their talent and work toward the pinnacle of excellence in craftsmanship,” said **Vin Naidoo**, **Corporate Manager of Lexus Australia**.

“The Fellowship is an important investment in finding and developing new Australian filmmakers, and encouraging them to innovate, create and one day transform their craft,” he said.

“The Festival is proud to be working with Lexus Australia to offer this incredible opportunity to four local filmmakers,” said **Sydney Film Festival Director, Nashen Moodley**.

“The support Lexus Australia and the Fellowship provides is simply unparalleled in the realm of short film in Australia, and a much needed investment in fostering the next generation of filmmakers,” he said.

Australian filmmakers have until 29 January to submit or resubmit their entries, with the Fellows to be announced during the 2018 Sydney Film Festival.

It’s a simple process with no entry fee and no complex application processes. All filmmakers have to submit is an eligible film and CV via www.filmfestivallife.com/Lexus-Australia-Short-Film-Fellowship-2018

For more information on the Lexus Australia Short Film Fellowship, visit www.sff.org.au/fellowship.

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ABOUT THE LEXUS AUSTRALIA SHORT FILM FELLOWSHIP

The Lexus Australia Short Films Fellowship is a \$200,000 investment by Lexus Australia, presented by Sydney Film Festival, to support future generations of emerging filmmakers. The fellowship is the largest cash fellowship for short film in Australia. Up to four fellowship winners will receive \$50,000 each to produce their next short film in 2018, to premiere at the 66th Sydney Film Festival in 2019.

ABOUT SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

Sydney Film Festival screens feature films, documentaries, short films and animation across greater Sydney. The festival is a major event on the New South Wales cultural calendar and is one of the world's longest-running film festivals. For more information visit www.sff.org.au

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