

Emerging Writers - Writers Room

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Applicant Information

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Applicant Details

Official correspondence will be directed to this person.

Applicant Name *

First Name

Last Name

Email *

Mobile *

Applicant Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, and Postcode are required.

Eligibility and Application

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Eligibility Requirements

Please confirm you are eligible to apply to Screen Canberra: *

- I am an Australian citizen or permanent resident who is over the age of 18.
- I am an ACT resident and have resided in the ACT region for the past six months.
- I am not an employee of a broadcaster, commissioning platform, or any affiliated or parent company.
- I am not an employee of an online content provider, including video-on-demand (VOD) or subscription video-on-demand (SVOD) platforms.
- I am not an employee of a state or federal screen funding agency, either directly or under contract.
- I am available to attend the writers room in person from Tuesday 10 June to Friday 13 June, and via Zoom on Monday 16 June.

Writing Experience

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Please upload a writing sample that best demonstrates your voice and suitability for a high-end thriller, crime, or cyber-security series. You may include a short film script, TV pilot excerpt, or prose sample.

Accepted formats: PDF or Word document, up to 10 pages. *

Attach a file:

Tell us briefly about the sample you've provided (e.g. is it part of a larger work, produced, or in development?)

Do you have any formal writing credits? (e.g. for screen, stage, or publication) *

Yes

No

If yes, please provide brief details.

About you

Craft is important — but writers' rooms are strongest when shaped by diverse voices and lived experience. The creative team is seeking participants who can offer fresh insights and help broaden the perspective of the narrative world they are building. Please indicate if any of the following apply to you:

- I have worked in the public service.
- I can demonstrate an interest in cyber security.
- I can demonstrate an interest in technology.
- I can demonstrate an interest in artificial intelligence (AI).
- I can demonstrate that I bring a unique personal or professional perspective related to thriller, cyber-crime, or national security themes.

Optional: If you'd like, tell us more about your lived experience or background — and how it might help shape or enrich the story world being developed.

Diversity Information

* indicates a required field

Please note: This section does **not** form part of your application and will **not** be assessed, unless otherwise stated in your program's guidelines.

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- Screen Canberra staff may use this information for aggregated research and reporting purposes only.
- This section should be completed by the applicant only. If you are completing this on behalf of someone else, please ensure you have their permission — or alternatively, ask the individual to complete it directly.
- If you do not wish to provide this information, please select **'Prefer not to disclose'**.

Do you identify as being from a culturally or linguistically diverse background? *

Culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) refers to individuals who identify with a cultural heritage or language background that is not Anglo-Celtic or from a mainstream English-speaking background. This may include people who: speak a language other than English at home, were born overseas in a non-English-speaking country, have parents or grandparents who were born overseas, or identify with a particular cultural, ethnic, or migrant community. We acknowledge that cultural identity is complex and personal. This question is intended to support inclusive participation, data reporting, and to ensure a broad range of perspectives are represented.

Please select your cultural background or ethnicity:

Optional — you may select more than one option.

Please select the first language you spoken as a child.

If you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, please proceed to the next question to identify your Indigenous language.

If your first language is a First Nations language, please select it from the AIATSIS Austlang database. Visit: aiatsis.gov.au/austlang to find the appropriate language name.

In this form, First Nations refers to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples — the First Peoples of Australia. You may identify as: Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander. We recognise the diversity of First Nations cultures, languages, and communities, and the right of individuals to self-identify. This question is asked to support equitable access, representation, and recognition of First Nations voices across the screen industry.

Do you identify as a person with disability? *

In this form, disability refers to a long-term or recurring condition that affects a person's daily life. This may include (but is not limited to) physical, sensory, cognitive, intellectual, neurological, mental health, or psychosocial conditions. We use the social model of disability, which recognises that people are disabled by barriers in society — not by their impairment or difference. This question is asked to support inclusive practice, accessibility, and representation within the screen industry. You are welcome to self-identify if you feel comfortable doing so. All information will be kept confidential and used only for equity and reporting purposes.

Do you identify as LGBTIQA+? *

LGBTIQA+ refers to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual. The '+' acknowledges that this acronym does not capture the full spectrum of terms people may use to describe their sexual orientation, gender identity, or bodily diversity. We recognise that no single acronym or description can fully reflect the richness and diversity of our communities — and that language continues to evolve. Our intention is to be as succinct as possible, while remaining inclusive of all lived identities and experiences.

Privacy Statement & Applicant Declaration

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Please note: Ensure you have included all required information before submitting. Once your application is submitted, it **cannot** be reopened or edited.

Privacy and Freedom of Information

- Screen Canberra respects the personal and confidential information provided in your application and will take all reasonable steps to prevent unauthorised access, loss, or misuse.
- Applications may be reviewed by external assessors and relevant Screen Canberra staff. The names of successful applicants and the name of the program they were selected for may be made publicly available.

By submitting this application, I certify that:

- The information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- Any artistic support material submitted is the original work of the individuals named in this application.
- I have read and understood Screen Canberra's current program guidelines and Terms of Trade.
- I acknowledge that Screen Canberra may update these guidelines and terms without notice.
- I understand that funding decisions, including the amount awarded, are at the sole discretion of Screen Canberra and/or the relevant Minister.
- I will notify Screen Canberra of any significant or material changes to the proposed project or supporting materials.
- I warrant that I hold all rights necessary to proceed with the project and that submitted materials do not infringe any third-party rights.
- I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Screen Canberra against any loss, damage, or expense arising from the use of this application or its materials.
- I understand that Screen Canberra may copy, store, adapt, edit, and use submitted materials in any media worldwide for assessment, promotional, or reporting purposes.
- I acknowledge that typing my name into this form and submitting it electronically constitutes a valid electronic signature under the *Electronic Transactions (ACT) Act 2000*.

Certification *

- Yes, I have read and agree to the above conditions.

Date of certification *

How did you hear about this program? *

- Screen Canberra e-News (newsletters) Screen Canberra Instagram Other organisations' social media or e-News
- Screen Canberra Website In the media Other:
- Screen Canberra Facebook From an industry colleague or peer