

EE BRITISH ACADEMY FILM AWARDS in 2018

Key dates and announcement of new entry requirement

Key dates have been announced for the EE British Academy Film Awards in 2018 (see below).

The full rules and guidelines will be published shortly; however we want to give all potential entrants advance notice of a new entry requirement for British films.

In order to help the film industry to become more inclusive and offer opportunities to talented people from all walks of life, BAFTA have committed that starting from the 2018/19 season, films being entered for the British film categories will need to show that they have made efforts to make their films more representative and/or inclusive by meeting at least two of the four diversity standards set out by the BFI.

The Diversity Standards are a flexible framework for measuring diversity which have been designed in consultation with the film industry. For more on the standards go to <http://www.bfi.org.uk/about-bfi/policy-strategy/diversity/diversity-standards>

In preparation for this, for the upcoming 2017/18 season it will be a condition of entry that films entering these categories should be submitted to the BFI for assessment against the diversity standards. There will be no requirement to meet the standards in 2017/18, but we want to ensure that as many producers and distributors as possible are engaging with the standards before the rule comes into force.

This will also help us to identify any issues and put measures in place to support filmmakers in achieving the standards, before they become a full condition of entry in 2018/19.

BAFTA's intention in introducing this rule is to encourage better representation and increased inclusivity across the British industry, rather than to exclude any films or film-makers from the awards. As a result we want to give projects at all stages of development and production the opportunity to make changes that may help them to meet the standards.

BAFTA and the BFI aim to support filmmakers in making these changes. We will be publishing a list of resources, potential partners and other support materials which can help you achieve the standards.

BAFTA Awards rules and guidelines will be posted in August at <http://awards.bafta.org/entry>
For queries about BAFTA Awards rules and processes please contact awards@bafta.org

For more information about the BFI Diversity Standards, or to submit a film for consideration please contact Anna.mansi@bfi.org.uk or Julia.brown@bfi.org.uk

FILM AWARDS 17/18 KEY DATES

Monday 16 October	Entry deadline for Stage One submission (confirming film eligibility, which categories each film will be entered into and entries for the performance categories) <i>Entries for the British film category should be submitted to the BFI for consideration against their Diversity Standards by this date at the latest</i>
Thursday 23 November	Entry deadline for Stage Two submission (confirming candidates for nomination in all other categories)
Friday 1 December	Details of all entered films and performances sent to Film Voting Members and entrants
Friday 8 December	Deadline for comments and queries about entry listings
Wednesday 13 December	Films opening for UK release after 1 January 2018 must be screened to members before this date
Friday 15 December	Round One voting opens
Tuesday 2 January	18:00 Round One closes
Tuesday 9 January	Nominations Announcement Round Two voting opens
Wednesday 14 February	18:00 Round Two voting closes
Friday 16 February	All entered films to have screened to the public by this date
Sunday 18 February	EE British Academy Film Awards