

# BAFTA QUALIFYING FESTIVALS LIST – BRITISH SHORT FILM 2021/2022

All films submitted into the British Short Film category must have been accepted into:

- At least one festival from Section A or;
- At least two festivals from Section B

Short films which have been programmed at BAFTA Qualifying Festivals remain eligible for the British Short Film award, even if the festival has been moved online, has been postponed or cancelled. Entrants will be required to upload proof that the film had been programmed by the festival prior to the impact of COVID-19.

Please note, films submitted into the British Short Animation category currently do not need to have screened at a festival in order to qualify. Any questions about this, please email [awards@bafta.org](mailto:awards@bafta.org)

## Section A

Festivals in Section A are primarily international festivals, which tend to programme fewer British short films

AFI Docs Film Festival	Jun	<a href="http://www.afi.com/afidocs">www.afi.com/afidocs</a>
American Black Film Festival	Aug	<a href="https://www.abff.com/">https://www.abff.com/</a>
Angers Premiers Plans	Jan	<a href="http://www.premiersplans.org">www.premiersplans.org</a>
BAFTA Cymru – film nominated	Oct	<a href="http://bafta.org/wales">http://bafta.org/wales</a>
BAFTA Scotland – film nominated	Nov	<a href="http://bafta.org/scotland">http://bafta.org/scotland</a>
Berlin International Film Festival	Feb	<a href="http://www.berlinale.de">www.berlinale.de</a>
BFI London Film Festival	Oct	<a href="http://www.bfi.org.uk/lff">www.bfi.org.uk/lff</a>
BlackStar Film Festival	Aug	<a href="https://www.blackstarfest.org/">https://www.blackstarfest.org/</a>
British Independent Film Awards – film nominated	Dec	<a href="http://www.bifa.org.uk">www.bifa.org.uk</a>
Busan International Short Film Festival	Apr	<a href="http://www.bisff.org/">http://www.bisff.org/</a>
Camden International Film Festival	Oct	<a href="https://pointsnorthinstitute.org/ciff/">https://pointsnorthinstitute.org/ciff/</a>
Cannes Film Festival (excluding Short Film Corner)	May	<a href="http://www.festival-cannes.org">www.festival-cannes.org</a>
Chicago International Film Festival	Oct	<a href="http://www.chicagofilmfestival.com">www.chicagofilmfestival.com</a>
Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival	Jan - Feb	<a href="http://www.clermont-filmfest.com">www.clermont-filmfest.com</a>
Cork International Film Festival	Nov	<a href="http://www.corkfilmfest.org">www.corkfilmfest.org</a>
CPH: DOX	Mar	<a href="https://cphdox.dk/en/">https://cphdox.dk/en/</a>
DOK Leipzig (International Leipzig Documentary and Animated Film Festival)	Oct - Nov	<a href="https://www.dok-leipzig.de/en/home">https://www.dok-leipzig.de/en/home</a>
Edinburgh International Film Festival	June	<a href="http://www.edfilmfest.org.uk">www.edfilmfest.org.uk</a>
Foyle Film Festival	Nov	<a href="http://www.foylefilmfestival.org">www.foylefilmfestival.org</a>
Frameline Film Festival	Jun	<a href="https://www.frameline.org/">https://www.frameline.org/</a>
GSA BAFTA Student Awards	July	<a href="http://www.bafta.org/los-angeles/events-">www.bafta.org/los-angeles/events-</a>
Hot Docs Festival (Canadian International Documentary Festival)	Apr - May	<a href="http://www.hotdocs.ca">www.hotdocs.ca</a>
IDFA (International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam)	Nov - Dec	<a href="http://www.idfa.nl">www.idfa.nl</a>
IFFR (International Film Festival Rotterdam)	Jan - Feb	<a href="https://iffr.com/en">https://iffr.com/en</a>
Iris Prize Best British Short Film nominee	Oct	<a href="http://www.irisprize.org">www.irisprize.org</a>
Leeds International Film Festival	Nov	<a href="http://www.leedsfilm.com">www.leedsfilm.com</a>
Locarno Film Festival	Aug	<a href="http://www.pardo.ch">www.pardo.ch</a>
Melbourne International Film Festival	Aug	<a href="http://miff.com.au">http://miff.com.au</a>
Molodist International Film Festival	May - Jun	<a href="https://molodist.com/">https://molodist.com/</a>
New York Film Festival	Sep - Oct	<a href="https://www.filmlinc.org/about-us/new-">https://www.filmlinc.org/about-us/new-</a>
Open City Documentary Festival	Sep	<a href="https://opencitylondon.com/">https://opencitylondon.com/</a>
Outfest Los Angeles LGBTQ Film Festival	Aug - Sep	<a href="https://outfest.org/">https://outfest.org/</a>
ReelAbilities Film Festival: New York	Mar - Apr	<a href="https://reelabilities.org/newyork/">https://reelabilities.org/newyork/</a>
Sheffield Doc/Fest	June	<a href="http://www.sheffdocfest.com">www.sheffdocfest.com</a>
Slamdance	Jan	<a href="http://www.slamdance.com">www.slamdance.com</a>

Sundance Film Festival	Jan - Feb	<a href="http://www.sundance.org/festival">www.sundance.org/festival</a>
SuperFest Disability Film Festival	Oct	<a href="http://www.superfestfilm.com/">http://www.superfestfilm.com/</a>
SXSW Film Festival	Mar	<a href="https://www.sxsw.com/festivals/film">https://www.sxsw.com/festivals/film</a>
Sydney Film Festival	Jun	<a href="http://sff.org.au">http://sff.org.au</a>
Telluride Film Festival	Aug - Sep	<a href="http://www.telluridefilmfestival.org">www.telluridefilmfestival.org</a>
Toronto International Film Festival	Sep	<a href="https://www.tiff.net/tiff/">https://www.tiff.net/tiff/</a>
Tribeca Film Festival	Apr	<a href="http://www.tribecafilm.com/festival">www.tribecafilm.com/festival</a>
True/False Film Festival	Mar	<a href="https://truefalse.org/">https://truefalse.org/</a>
Venice Film Festival	Sep - Oct	<a href="http://www.labiennale.org/en/cinema">www.labiennale.org/en/cinema</a>
Visions Du Réel	Apr - May	<a href="https://www.visionsdureel.ch/en">https://www.visionsdureel.ch/en</a>

## Section B

Festivals in Section B are primarily British and short film festivals, which tend to programme many British short films

Aesthetica Short Film Festival	Nov	<a href="http://www.asff.co.uk">www.asff.co.uk</a>
Aspen Shortsfest	Mar - Apr	<a href="http://www.aspenfilm.org">www.aspenfilm.org</a>
Belfast Film Festival	Apr	<a href="https://belfastfilmfestival.org/">https://belfastfilmfestival.org/</a>
BFI Flare (London LGBTQ+ Film Festival)	Mar	<a href="http://www.bfi.org.uk/flare">www.bfi.org.uk/flare</a>
Bilbao International Documentary and Short Film Festival	Nov	<a href="http://www.zinebi.com">www.zinebi.com</a>
Bolton Film Festival	Oct	<a href="https://www.boltonfilmfestival.com/">https://www.boltonfilmfestival.com/</a>
Brest European Short Film Festival	Nov	<a href="http://www.filmcourt.fr">www.filmcourt.fr</a>
British Urban Film Festival (BUFF)	Dec	<a href="http://www.britishurbanfilmfestival.co.uk/">www.britishurbanfilmfestival.co.uk/</a>
Cambridge Film Festival	Oct	<a href="http://www.cambridgefilmfestival.org.uk">www.cambridgefilmfestival.org.uk</a>
Carmarthen Bay Film Festival	May	<a href="http://www.carmarthenbayfilmfestival.co.uk/">www.carmarthenbayfilmfestival.co.uk/</a>
Curtacinema - Rio de Janeiro International Short Film Festival	Oct - Nov	<a href="http://www.curtacinema.com.br">www.curtacinema.com.br</a>
DokuFest (International Documentary and Short Film Festival)	Aug	<a href="https://dokufest.com/2019/">https://dokufest.com/2019/</a>
Encounters Film Festival	Sep	<a href="http://www.encounters.film">www.encounters.film</a>
Flatpack Festival	May	<a href="https://flatpackfestival.org.uk">https://flatpackfestival.org.uk</a>
Flickerfest International Australian Short Film Festival	Jan	<a href="http://www.flickerfest.com.au">www.flickerfest.com.au</a>
Galway Film Fleadh	Jul	<a href="https://www.galwayfilmfleadh.com/">https://www.galwayfilmfleadh.com/</a>
Glasgow Short Film Festival	Mar	<a href="https://glasgowfilm.org/glasgow-short-">https://glasgowfilm.org/glasgow-short-</a>
Go Short (Netherlands)	Apr	<a href="http://www.goshort.nl">www.goshort.nl</a>
Hamburg International Short Film Festival	Jun	<a href="http://festival.shortfilm.com">http://festival.shortfilm.com</a>
Hamptons International Film Festival	Oct	<a href="http://hamptonsfilmfest.org/">http://hamptonsfilmfest.org/</a>
IndieCork Festival	Sep-Oct	<a href="https://indiecork.com/">https://indiecork.com/</a>
Krakow Short Film Festival	May - Jun	<a href="https://www.krakowfilmfestival.pl/en/">https://www.krakowfilmfestival.pl/en/</a>
LA Shorts International Short Film Festival	Jul	<a href="http://www.lashortsfest.com">www.lashortsfest.com</a>
Leuven International Short Film Festival	Nov - Dec	<a href="http://www.kortfilmfestival.be">www.kortfilmfestival.be</a>
Loco London Comedy Film Festival	Jul	<a href="http://locofilmfestival.com/">http://locofilmfestival.com/</a>
London International Documentary Festival	Nov - Jun	<a href="http://www.lidf.co.uk">www.lidf.co.uk</a>
London Short Film Festival	Jan	<a href="http://shortfilms.org.uk">http://shortfilms.org.uk</a>
Norwich Film Festival	Nov	<a href="https://www.norwichfilmfestival.co.uk/">https://www.norwichfilmfestival.co.uk/</a>
Oberhausen International Short Film Festival	May	<a href="http://www.kurzfilmtage.de">www.kurzfilmtage.de</a>
Oska Bright Film Festival	Oct	<a href="https://oskabright.org/">https://oskabright.org/</a>
Palm Springs International ShortFest	Jun	<a href="http://www.psfilmfest.org">www.psfilmfest.org</a>
PÖFF Shorts (Black Nights Film Festival)	Nov	<a href="http://shorts.poff.ee">http://shorts.poff.ee</a>
Raindance Film Festival	Sep	<a href="http://www.raindance.co.uk">www.raindance.co.uk</a>
Rhode Island International Film Festival	Aug	<a href="http://www.film-festival.org">www.film-festival.org</a>
Scottish Queer International Film Festival	Oct	<a href="http://www.sqiff.org/">http://www.sqiff.org/</a>
S.O.U.L. Fest	Aug	<a href="https://www.soulfilm.co.uk/">https://www.soulfilm.co.uk/</a>
Tampere International Short Film Festival	Mar	<a href="http://www.tamperefilmfestival.fi">www.tamperefilmfestival.fi</a>
TriForce Short Film Festival	Nov	<a href="https://tfsff.com/">https://tfsff.com/</a>
UK Jewish Film Festival	Nov	<a href="http://ukjewishfilm.org/festival/21st-uk-">http://ukjewishfilm.org/festival/21st-uk-</a>

Underwire Festival (UK)	Sep	<a href="http://www.underwirefestival.com">www.underwirefestival.com</a>
Uppsala International Short Film Festival	Oct	<a href="http://www.shortfilmfestival.com">www.shortfilmfestival.com</a>
Vienna Shorts	May	<a href="https://www.viennashorts.com/nc/en/">https://www.viennashorts.com/nc/en/</a>
Winterthur International Short Film Festival	Nov	<a href="http://www.kurzfilmtage.ch">http://www.kurzfilmtage.ch</a>

**The qualifying festivals list is continually updated and may change without notice**

If your film has been screened at a number of festivals not included on this list, it may still be accepted at the discretion of BAFTA's Film Committee. Please note however, that BAFTA will not provide feedback if your film is not successful via the festival exemption route.

Note also that filmmakers are only eligible to apply for a festival exemption if they have had an opportunity to qualify via festivals. If you apply for a festival exemption and are unsuccessful, your film will not be eligible in any future awards years, regardless of subsequent screenings at qualifying festivals. All shorts filmmakers are therefore encouraged to make use of the festival route prior to entry and prior to applying for festival exemption as this could disqualify your film in future years.

## BAFTA QUALIFYING FESTIVALS LIST – APPLICATION FOR INCLUSION

The Qualifying Festivals List exists to identify qualifying entries for the British Short Film category in the annual BAFTA Film Awards. The British Short Film award is open to films of under 40 minutes with significant creative involvement by British individuals. We review the list every year, and ask all applicant festivals to briefly answer a series of questions, to help us better understand each festival. In order to be included in the upcoming season, forms would need to be submitted by the end of June each year.

**To apply to be included on the BAFTA Qualifying Festivals List please complete an application form [HERE](#).**

BAFTA does not provide feedback if your festival is not added to the BAFTA Qualifying Festivals List.