

BAFTA QUALIFYING FESTIVALS LIST – BRITISH SHORT FILM

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

Section A

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

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

SuperFest Disability Film Festival	Oct	http://www.superfestfilm.com/
SXSW Film Festival	Mar	https://www.sxsw.com/festivals/film
Sydney Film Festival	Jun	http://sff.org.au
Telluride Film Festival	Aug - Sep	www.telluridefilmfestival.org
Toronto International Film Festival	Sep	https://www.tiff.net/tiff/
Tribeca Film Festival	Apr	www.tribecafilm.com/festival
True/False Film Festival	Mar	https://truefalse.org/
Venice Film Festival	Sep - Oct	www.labiennale.org/en/cinema
Visions Du Réel	Apr - May	https://www.visionsdureel.ch/en
Yugo BAFTA Student Awards	July	www.bafta.org/los-angeles/events-

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

Underwire Festival (UK)	Sep	https://filmfreeway.com/UnderwireFestiv
Uppsala International Short Film Festival	Oct	www.shortfilmfestival.com
Vienna Shorts	May	https://www.viennashorts.com/nc/en/
Winterthur International Short Film Festival	Nov	http://www.kurzfilmtage.ch

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 EE 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.