

## SQ Mentorship

Screen Queensland (SQ) will provide one outstanding **female** screen or games practitioner \$20,000 to undertake a self-structured mentorship program designed to elevate their professional practice as part of its commitment to diversity and achieving gender parity in the screen industry. SQ Mentorship is a three-year program to be delivered annually between 2017 and 2019.

### Who can apply?

Applications will be accepted from Queensland female talent at any stage of their career, working across creative and/or business roles in the screen and games industries. Applicants must demonstrate clear transformational goals and design strategic mentorship programs to help achieve these goals.

### What can I apply for?

The make-up of the mentorship program is entirely up to you but at the core of all programs should be meaningful engagement, knowledge and skill-sharing between the mentor/s and applicant.

Mentorship programs may be enhanced by a series of professional development activities.

For example:

- a **writer** might apply for a 6-month mentorship program that includes fortnightly meetings with an experienced screenwriter mentor as well as participation in a writer's room, shadowing, attendance at workshops and conferences, structured meetings accompanied by the mentor.
- a **games artist** could apply for a 3 month mentorship program where they shadow a lead artist mentor every day during development; take a short course to gain in-demand expertise; attend a games conference and market with the mentor.
- a **general manager** at a theatrical feature film company looking to transition their business into television production might apply for a 12 month mentorship program where they have monthly consultations with an internationally renowned television showrunner regarding a program/s in development; travel to meet the showrunner twice and attend a series of structured pitch meetings with connections introduced by the showrunner and undertake a short course on the business of television production.

Regardless of the shape of your mentorship program, all activities should work toward significantly elevating and transforming your career.

Funding can be used to pay for costs associated with the mentorship, e.g. travel, accommodation, registration and other fees.

Requests for equipment, capital purchases, education or the costs of running a business will not be considered.

### Who can be a mentor?

Mentors should be recognised as experts in their field. The mentors may be based locally, interstate or internationally. Mentors should be committed to the program of activities you propose.

### What are the eligibility requirements of this opportunity?

#### To be eligible applicants must:

- Be bonafide Queensland female talent with some experience in a creative or business role in the screen/games industry, appropriate to their career stage
- Be an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Have an active ABN registered in the applicant's name
- Not be involved with any projects in default with Screen Queensland
- Not be a full-time student. This application may not contribute to the coursework or research of any study the applicant is undertaking
- Not be employed by a Government Screen Agency
- Not be employed by a broadcaster

#### To be eligible applications must:

- Be complete, accurate and submitted by the closing date. Applications can be submitted at <https://screenqueensland.smartygrants.com.au/>
- Not have requests exceeding \$20,000
- Not seek retrospective funding. Applications for mentorships or other activities that have already commenced will not be considered
- Not seek funding for activities that contribute to the coursework or research of any study the applicant is undertaking
- Not request ineligible costs including equipment or capital purchases, fees associated with education or the costs of running a business.

### How will my application be assessed?

Applicants must design their own mentorship programs and will be required to submit the following **support material** with their application, in addition to responding to application questions:

- CVs/Bios of the applicant, mentor and other key personnel
- a sample of your work (if relevant)
- a detailed mentorship plan clearly defining the duration and location of the mentorship, key personnel, major milestones, proposed activities, and outcome measures
- letter from proposed mentor/s confirming their involvement in the program and contact details
- draft budget outlining how the funding will be spent in the course of the mentorship

## Eligible applications will be assessed by Screen Queensland on the following criteria:

- Track record and potential of the applicant
- Track Record, professional standing and appropriateness of the mentor/s
- Quality of the mentorship program and potential transformational impact of the activity on the career of the applicant
- Viability of the proposal, including commitment from mentor/s and budget effectiveness.

## How do I apply?

1. Read through the guidelines
2. Contact Diya Eid, VP – Operations at Screen Queensland if you have any questions or would like to discuss your application (07) 3248 0500 / [deid@screenqld.com.au](mailto:deid@screenqld.com.au)
3. Apply online at <https://screenqueensland.smartygrants.com.au/> by **5pm Friday 14 July 2017**. An automated application email will be sent to you within 30 minutes as confirmation that Screen Queensland has received your application. **It is the applicant's responsibility to contact Screen Queensland** if you do not receive an application receipt email. Late, incomplete and ineligible applications will not be assessed.
4. Allow approximately 6 weeks from the closing date to learn the outcome of your application. In this time, you and your mentor/s may be asked to provide further information or participate in an interview with Screen Queensland.

Due to the volume of applications, individual feedback will not be available for unsuccessful applicants.