

# Drung Filmmaking Mentorship

Application Guide

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Collective



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With the realization of the importance of mentorships in professional development, Drung Filmmakers Collective presents our third annual Drung Filmmaking Mentorship program for Tibetan youth in India, Nepal and Bhutan. Supported by the Tibet Fund, the two and half month mentorship program welcomes Tibetan youth applicants from the subcontinent who are in the early stages of their career and want to explore their potential in storytelling and filmmaking. Our program is designed to act as a catalyst and discover new and emerging talent with the Tibetan communities in exile. This year, we have two amazing senior filmmakers (TBA) who will guide the selected mentees as they each work on a narrative short.

**The call is open until December 10 2024**

## Benefits

Over the course of 2.5 months, the selected two mentees will get to work on realizing their pitched short films under the guidance of two senior filmmakers (TBA). The two mentees will also receive a funding support of 1000 USD each to spend on making their short films. The completed films will have a public screening organized by Drung Filmmakers Collective. Further support will be provided to encourage the finished films to be submitted into International Film Festivals.

## Selection Criteria

The mentorship is open to Tibetan youth from the countries, India, Nepal and Bhutan and must present, through their application, a strong interest in building a career as a filmmaker. Although we encourage and give preference to youth applicants, there are no age restrictions and there are no application fees. To be considered for selection, we expect all the applicants to send in their story pitch in the form of a SCRIPT\* or an OUTLINE\* for a SHORT FILM (No longer than 10 Minutes). We do not have a set theme/topic for the stories that the applicants decide to work on. The applicants are free to choose any theme/topic for their films. All application materials must be complete to be considered for selection. Since this mentorship will be conducted virtually, priority will be given to applicants who have access to some basic filmmaking equipment and good internet access.

**Language of instruction:** English (Fluency in spoken and written English is a must)

## Timeline

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## About Drung Filmmakers Collective

We are a collective of Tibetan filmmakers based in Dharamsala fostering a community that shares knowledge, skills and connections to tell stories about Tibet, India and beyond. Drung filmmakers and members are dedicated to the advancement of story-telling in the Tibetan exile communities. The collective provides a unique mutual support system for local filmmakers to share, build and realize various film projects by sharing resources and expertise. Drung also focuses on building a community of story-tellers through workshops, film screenings and other educational programs.

This mentorship is supported by the Tibet Fund.

## Application Materials

- Online Application Form
- Personal Statement
- Portfolio (Eg: Writings, Photos, Videos, Audios, Artworks, etc - Must have English subtitles if materials are not in English)

## How to Apply

### APPLICATION FORM

\* Please carefully go through each section of the application form and note that there are additional supporting documents that are required for submission.

**Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

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