



ABOUT

Let'sdoc Fellowship Residency Programme aims to support the alternative independent documentary vision and foster emerging talents through two-stage mentoring at incubation labs of 4 days each. Participants are mentored by some of the prominent Indian filmmakers in the field of documentary. The last edition has been a full scale residency where peer exchange among the participants reached a new height.

The specially designed fellowship programme intends to encourage talented, emerging documentary storytellers take their artistic work forward for possible completion through guided development of proposed ideas and future networking with international producing, co-creation and creative collaboration.

Due To COVID-19 Impact , this edition will take place virtually.

The programme also offers further development of the proposed documentary, providing input on skill of writing for documentary and creating a visual trailer to deal with the increasingly competitive environment of international co-production.

The fellows are intensively mentored to fine-tune their creative applications and intended object of the proposed story/idea with critical input from seasoned storytellers so that they find clarity in telling their stories better/

The mentoring process leads to the **Fellowship Award** that supports two promising projects with a cash grant of Rs. 1,00,000 each and follow-up mentoring and co-production guidance. The awardee will be selected based on the promise and progressive development of the projects by the mentors at the end of 2nd session. **The Grant intends to support further research, development and visual trailers.**

GUIDELINES

PROJECT FOCUS

Mentoring and evolving Indian projects at an early stage of development through robust incubation labs. The fellowship is expected to be in virtual mode this year due to the COVID-19 impact, where participants shall spend substantial time, at least 10 hours a day.

WHAT THE FELLOWSHIP OFFERS

The Let'sdoc Fellowship offers **two session** of mentoring by **four mentors** for **four days** each to **twelve Indian filmmakers, in their early career**, selected from the open application process. The sessions will take place during early October 2020.

During each session, mentors will work closely with fellows to guide them evolve the current work in-progress, offering hands-on advice, creative input and critical reflections.

On successful completion of the mentoring sessions and submission of the required deliverables within the stipulated time frame, the two participants will be eligible for selection of Seed/Development Grant for further improvement of projects. The available grants are only for two participants to be decided by the faculty jury based on the prospects and merit of the projects.

The two winners of the Seed Grant will additionally be provided with individual online mentoring for their respective projects for further creative assistance.

STORIES & SUBJECTS

Let'sdoc is open to any subjects/theme of **socially relevant creative reality narratives**, **told** with a unique personal viewpoint. The proposed film may be Short or Feature length.

ELIGIBILITY

This fellowship is created to support documentary filmmakers (directors only) working on refreshingly new ideas. We want to hear innovatively treated stunning stories from the documentary community. The ideas/concepts are expected to have the potential for a socially engaging and human-interest creative documentary with universal appeal.

Applicants may be filmmakers of any age but **at an early stage of their filmmaking careers**. Applicants must be an Indian citizen and must be available **for mandatory participation in both the sessions of 2020 edition**.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

Maximum 12 selected participants will be invited to attend as fellows.

GRANTS

Two out of Twelve selected projects will be awarded a **Seed Grant** of **INR 1,00,000** each after the successful completion of the second mentoring session subject to compliances on submission of deliverables.

DISBURSEMENT OF GRANT

The Let'sdoc Fellowship (Seed Grant) will be disbursed as per the following phases:

60% - On signing of the agreement.

40% - On submission of the final deliverables as stipulated.

DELIVERABLES

After Session 1

The fellows need to work on clear delineation of the **Narrative Outline** of their projects within **4 weeks** of attending the first session of mentoring.

The fellows will need to submit **revised Logline, Synopsis and Treatment** of the project along with a **Revised Visual Clip** of 3-5 minutes (it is expected that the trailer is further developed with inclusion of new elements/footage for greater clarity) within **four weeks** after the first session.

After Session 2

The Fellows need to submit final **logline, synopsis, treatment and the revised visual clip** within two weeks.

COMMITMENT TO SEED GRANT

Each filmmaker who is selected for Seed Grant will be required to submit an 'edited cut' of 10 to 15 minutes of the project as mandatory Final Submission for the Grant received.

All Selected participants will also have to submit a final revised written proposal of their projects complete with the Logline, Synopsis, Treatment, Character Sketches and Director's Statement **on or before 30 December 2020**.

Grantee is responsible for regular update to Let'sdoc team on further development of project for creative and possible co-production guidance.

OBLIGATIONS

All the sessions are mandatory. Filmmakers failing to attend any of the sessions will not be eligible to attend the remaining sessions.

The timeline for the sessions and their deliverables are non-negotiable.

Selected participants are required to confirm their participation by October 2, 2020.

The grantee will be eligible for the final installment of the grant only after satisfactorily submitting the required deliverables.

The grant winners will be required to include Let's Doc/DRI Logo along with the following text in the credits of their final films.

Incubated and developed at Let'sdoc Fellowship Programme 2020

IMPORTANT NOTE

Please note the second session might take place on a residency basis depending on the scenario. Hence, the selected participants must be available to travel to Kolkata for the second session, if COVID19 Protocol and SOPs permit.

For the residential session:

- Participants spend substantial time at least 10 hours a day in Kolkata for the programme for five days.
- Mentoring process will be followed by screening of films each day
- Participants must be willing to travel to Kolkata for the workshops **for mandatory participation** during December 2020.
- Selected fellows will be provided **with accommodations, breakfast and working lunch**.
- DRI will take care of accommodations of all participants on twin sharing basis.
- Filmmakers are required to make their own arrangements for travel to attend the Fellowship Programme, if the second session is possible to be a residency in Kolkata.

APPLICATION

The application for Let'sdoc can be made only through the online application process. The online application will be available till 23:59 (IST) of September 22, 2020. Applications made over mail or not submitted before the deadline will not be accepted.

Application Requirements

Logline: The brief idea in one line only (max 60 words).

Synopsis: 500 words max.

Give a clear description of your film, the intended story, briefly elaborating characters, story-space, theme, issue and subject it deals with.

Treatment: 1200 words max.

The treatment may include background information, story outline, visual approach, main protagonists, artistic vision to evolve the story and ensuing moments that reflect the story flow. Provide a clear overview of what's going to happen (or what you think will happen) with regard to the core conflict and resolution in the story.

Visual Clip: Visual Trailer of the applied project (3 to 5 mins. max.)

Make sure the visual clip is representative of the intended film you have in mind and that the visuals compliment the written proposal.

APPLY NOW: 22nd AUGUST 2020 TO 22nd SEPTEMBER 2020

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection (by an independent jury) will be based on the filmmaker's creative and artistic vision, besides the relevance of the subject, as reflected in both textual and visual presentation (trailer). Unique/innovative point of view and artistic approach of the Director/filmmaker will be given additional consideration.

The selection is final and no communications will be entertained with regard to the evaluation process after the final selection is announced.

Selected Projects will be announced on September 30, 2020.

IMPORTANT DATES

Application Call Opens	August 22, 2020
Application Call Closes	September 22 (23:59 - IST), 2020
Selection Results	September 30, 2020
Session 1 (Virtually)	October 09-15, 2020
Session 2 (Under process)	Early December
Seed Grant Announcement	Early December, 2020
Fellows' Mandatory Submission	End December 20, 2020

***(The dates and other conditions are subject to change)**