

Hidden Door 2020 - Guidelines for Film Submissions

Deadline 19th April 2020

Hidden Door is looking for short film and moving image work to form the Selected Film Programme at Hidden Door Festival 2020. Selected works will be curated alongside a programme of invited works from a range of filmmakers, old and new. The deadline is 11:59pm on Sunday 19th of April 2020.

A cash prize of £500, known as the Hidden Door Film Innovation award, will be awarded by a jury for an outstanding piece of film work.

Eligibility

- Open to filmmakers at any stage of their career working with any film form, included but not limited to fiction, non-fiction, experimental, animation, and short and feature length film.
- Open to filmmakers of any nationality. (Please note however that if your film is selected and you live outside the UK, we will be unable to fund any travel expenses to Hidden Door 2020.)

How to Apply

- To submit your film, please go to the film freeway website <https://filmfreeway.com/HiddenDoorFestival2020>

For your film to be considered for Hidden Door 2020, you **must** include the following information:

- A brief synopsis of the film, including film duration and genre.
- A statement on why you believe your film will contribute to the Hidden Door Film Programme for 2020 and how it relates to the chosen theme
- A comment on your filmmaking practice, and whether you have screened at festivals similar to Hidden Door in the past.
- The screening history of the submitted film. Films that are currently available to be purchased will not be eligible for the Hidden Door Film Innovation Award.
- There is a small submission fee of £10 for submitting your film to Hidden Door 2020. Please refer to the filmfreeway site for information on how to pay.
- Hidden Door is deeply committed to being as accessible as possible, so if you are unable to pay the submission fee, you can apply for a fee waiver.

Please contact the Hidden Door film team at HiddenDoorFilm2020@gmail.com and we will assist you from there.

Rules and Conditions

We regard a short film as 30 minutes or under

If your film is not yet finished, we will consider rough cuts and judge the film accordingly. No film will be rejected on the basis of being incomplete, but it will need to be completed by 14th of June 2020. When submitting a rough cut, please provide details of the elements of your film still to be completed.

If your film contains non-English dialogue, we require that you include English subtitles.

Please note that Hidden Door does not pay screening fees.

Submission certifies that all film and music rights and clearances have been obtained, in accordance with UK copyright laws.

By submitting, you agree to not withdraw your film from Hidden Door after it has been accepted by the selection board.

Film viewing and selection will be conducted by members of the Hidden Door Team alongside external invited selectors.

Filmmakers that have been selected will be notified by the 1st of June.

Due to the high level of interest and number of submissions, Hidden Door will unfortunately not be able to give feedback on submissions, and the decision of the Jury is final.

Being Part of the Event

- As part of the Hidden Door programme, participating filmmakers will be invited to Hidden Door 2020, and may be asked to be available for Q&A sessions if possible. Filmmakers will also be featured on the Hidden Door website, print publications, and Hidden Door social media. Filmmakers will be invited to participate in and help with Hidden Door promotion campaigns, sharing social media content, and helping with general publicity where they can.
- Participating filmmakers will receive a full access pass to the entire festival as well as guest list passes and discount codes for friends etc. that will be confirmed closer to the festival.