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New Delhi

UK - CMS Environment Film Fellowships



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## UK - CMS ENVIRONMENT FILM FELLOWSHIPS SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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The UK Environmental Film Fellowships is being awarded to a team of a young filmmaker and environmental scientist whose concept demonstrates originality in terms of topical relevance and technical excellence. LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION IS OCTOBER 25, 2005.

### ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

1. The Idea and the quality of the proposal
2. The Relevance of the project in the Indian context related to the topics.
3. Suitability of the project for national and international audience
4. The completion of the project on the approved budget
5. Eligibility

#### 1. IDEA

We are looking for ideas related to the Impact of Climate Change on Health, Agriculture, Bio-diversity, Forests, and Coastal Zone. These should be original, topical and socially relevant.

#### 2. THE IMPACT

The Fellowships will be granted to persons who have shown a marked aptitude and interest in environment and wildlife filmmaking. With the given scenario in the country, alternate film making is one of the most difficult areas to work in. These Fellowships are an effort to create an alternate breed of filmmakers. We are looking for individuals who can make a commitment to this area over the long term.

#### 3. SUITABILITY

The film should maintain impeccable production values and should appeal to both national and international broadcast audiences.

#### 4. BUDGET

Productions should be completed within the approved budget before 25<sup>th</sup> March 2006. 40% advance of total amount will be given on winning the Fellowship. 30% on receiving rough-cut & 30% on receiving final.

## **5. ELIGIBILITY**

- The Fellowship is granted to documentary filmmakers for creating films that are "unique and contribute to a greater understanding of Climate Change issues".
- Proposals from young and upcoming independent filmmakers from across the country are welcome.
- Applicants must be Indian citizens and be between 21 - 40 years of age.
- The Fellowships are open to a team of film maker/s and environmental scientists. The filmmaker will be designated as the primary contact for all liaisons.

## **FELLOWSHIP AMOUNT**

Four fellowships up to INR 6,00,000 to cover research, production, postproduction and all related expenses.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

A Fellowship proposal should contain the following:

- a) Detailed synopsis of the proposed production in the area of Climate Change in not more than three typewritten pages.
  - What is the treatment?
  - How will the final film look like?
- b) A one page statement from the applicant describing why the film should be produced under the UK – CMS Environment Film Fellowships.
  - Why do you want to do this film?
- c) Any other documentation or supporting material that might assist consideration of the application.
- d) CVs of the two team leaders (Filmmakers & Environmental Scientist) and crewmembers.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Short listed applicants will be called for a personal interview in Delhi around November 19, 2005. The applicants will have to appear for the interview at their own cost.

The film should be completed latest by March 25, 2006.

## TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE

October 25, 2005	Last Date for submissions of proposal
November 19, 2005	Selection Panel to finalize film fellows. Presentations by short listed fellows at CMS, New Delhi
November 24, 2005	Announcements of final film fellows
March 1, 2006	Presentation on Rough Cuts in Delhi
March 25, 2006	Final Film Submission

## GENERAL

- The primary assessment criteria will be the applicant's recent track record of work in the specific theme.
- The proposal should be submitted in English. The production has to be in English and should have a Hindi version. The producer must submit the international track and must have an international track.
- The master should be of 22 minutes duration and another version of 12 minutes.
- The final film should be in 1 Digibeta, 1 Beta and DVD format. The aspect ration should be 4:3 standard height. The Network Bug Safe Area should be Right top corner (Line 90, Field 1)
- There will not be any substitutions, corrections, additions or new drafts to the application once it is submitted.
- The applicant will have to specify whether he/she will be able to complete the film before 25 March 2006 if they receive a Fellowship. Request for extension of film submission date will not be entertained.
- The copyright of the film shall be vested with BHC, CMS and Filmmaker, which will include broadcast, and distribution rights.
- The decision of the UK - CMS Environment Film Fellowships selection panel shall be final and no further correspondence will be entertained in this regard.
- The completed application forms should be sent to:

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And an electronic version of the application should be sent to [fellowships@cmsindia.org](mailto:fellowships@cmsindia.org); [vatavaran@cmsindia.org](mailto:vatavaran@cmsindia.org); [ritika.kochhar@fco.gov.uk](mailto:ritika.kochhar@fco.gov.uk)