

International Short Film Festival Vienna Shorts presents the 2nd Talent Days - our industry event dedicated entirely to film students!

For this year's 21st edition of the festival, we will once again bring together a selected group of film students from Austria and neighboring countries for our Talent Days which will take place at the campus of Film Academy Vienna.

Our mission is to support young talents by bringing them together to help develop and nurture connections between central European students with the goal of building potential permanent professional relationships between future colleagues in the region.

Participants of the Talent Days will get a chance to learn about useful strategies via best practice presentations. As guests of the festival they will be able to use opportunities to exchange and reflect on their experiences, watch the best of this year's international and local short film programs and take part in many other networking events.

The Vienna Shorts Talent Days will also include a public presentation of promising new works in progress. Participants will be invited to present their projects before a wide audience of industry professionals and receive targeted feedback.

Work in progress (WiP) presentations

Participants who attend the Talent Days can also apply to presentations of work in progress or nearly finished works. **Up to 10 projects will be chosen amongst all received applications.**

- The participants of chosen projects will have a chance to present them to the industry guests of the festival. That includes festival programmers, distributors, film critics, as well as film school peers;
- Presentations serve as a valuable preview and an evaluation of the projects, as they will receive immediate feedback from two selected film festival professionals;
- Furthermore their projects will be presented on the VIENNA SHORTS website and in festival social media;
- The participants of the WiP session will receive a certificate of participation which can be used as a reference for future projects and funding applications.

Rules + requirements:

Students can apply with their short film projects (up to 30 minutes, all genres) that are either in “work in progress” (early cut) or “almost finished” (post-production, picture lock) status.

Important: we are only looking for films that didn't yet have an international festival premiere!

Candidates must send PDF files of following documents:

- description of the project;
- short synopsis (up to 500 characters);
- short biography (including filmography) of the candidate(s);
- link to the project online (Vimeo, YouTube, ...);

Send to industry@viennashorts.com.

The deadline for the applications: **March 17, 2024**

The final projects will be selected among all the received applications. The selected participants will be notified via email **in the beginning of April**. Please note: Being selected for the work in progress presentation is not a prerequisite for attending the Talent Days!