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SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES DEUTSCHE BANK FELLOWSHIP FOR FIRST NATIONS FILM CREATIVES

Sydney Film Festival (SFF) and **Deutsche Bank** today announced that submissions are open for an exciting new grant for Australian First Nations film creatives.

The **Deutsche Bank Fellowship** invites film creatives to submit applications before 18 July 2021 at sff.org.au/initiatives/Deutsche-Bank-Fellowship/. The winning Fellow will be awarded the grant to further develop their skills through international placement, or other professional development.

Darren Dale, Sydney Film Festival Board Member, director of Blackfella Films, and award-winning producer, said, "Sydney Film Festival is proud to be working with Deutsche Bank to offer this incredible opportunity to First Nations film creatives."

In addition to the Fellowship, Deutsche Bank will support SFF, through a partnership alignment with the Festival's First Nations Film program. Deutsche Bank as lead corporate partner will help to further the Festival's commitment to the Australian First Nations film sector. The SFF First Nations Film program is also supported by Screen Australia's Indigenous Department.

Glenn Morgan, Deutsche Bank Australia's Interim CEO, said, "We are delighted to partner with the Sydney Film Festival and play a role in showcasing First Nations creatives within the industry. Supporting aspiring artists is a great way for us to have a positive impact,"

"This partnership brings together our commitment to the Indigenous community, along with our longstanding focus on the arts and we look forward to seeing the outstanding talent this grant will attract."

"We encourage all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander film creatives, who have already started a career in any discipline within the film and television industry, and who are currently based in Australia, to apply," Dale added.

"The Fellowship is an important investment in developing and nurturing the talents of local creatives and enhancing global awareness of Australia's vibrant Indigenous filmmaking talent."

Eligible applicants are welcomed from creatives, screenwriters, producers, directors and actors with a proven track record in their chosen field.

The successful candidate will be selected by a panel of key industry personnel, and the Fellowship will be awarded at the 68th Sydney Film Festival which will take place 18-29 August 2021.



Deutsche Bank Fellowship Information visit: sff.org.au/initiatives/Deutsche-Bank-Fellowship/

Deadline: Submissions are open from **5 May-18 July** 2021.

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ABOUT SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

From Wednesday 18 August to Sunday 29 August 2021, the 68th Sydney Film Festival offers Sydneysiders another exciting season of cinema amidst a whirlwind of premieres, red-carpet openings, in-depth discussions, film guests and more.

Sydney Film Festival is a major event on the New South Wales cultural calendar and is one of the world's longest-running film festivals. For more information, visit: sff.org.au.

The 68th Sydney Film Festival is supported by the NSW Government through Screen NSW, the Federal Government through Screen Australia and the City of Sydney.

ABOUT DEUTSCHE BANK

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In Australia, Deutsche Bank has held a longstanding commitment to the arts, including partnering with Sydney Contemporary, the Biennale of Sydney and the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) Australia. Over the past four years, Deutsche Bank has been a proud partner of the [Clontarf Foundation](#), which is aimed at improving the education, discipline, life skills, self-esteem and employment prospects of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men. This partnership includes helping to fund Clontarf's Matraville Academy in NSW, the 100th for the organisation.

