

# Tokyo Talents 2020 Application Outline

## **1 Project name**

Talents Tokyo 2020

## **2 Aim**

The project aims to develop talents with the potential to become the “next masters”, strengthening Tokyo’s cultural output in the film industry. Gathering together aspiring young Asian directors and producers, the project provides lectures and advice from film experts who are currently working in the industry, so that participants can be exposed to perspectives of leading figures and be inspired by their experiences. The project also aims to introduce participants to an international network comprised of fellow participants and experts.

## **3 Organizers**

Tokyo Metropolitan Government; Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture); Talents Tokyo Organizing Committee (TOKYO FILMeX).

## **4 Cooperation**

Berlinale Talents; collaboration with the GOETHE-INSTITUT Tokyo

## **5 Project dates**

November 2 (Monday) to 7 (Saturday)

## **6 Venue**

Online

## **7 Program details**

(1) About the program:

The 12-15 selected talents will participate in the following activities

Viewing sample films

Lectures and masterclasses (taught by experts)

Joint assessment of participants’ projects by experts

Project presentation:

Each participant will present a project plan for a film they would like to make. Four main

experts (affiliated with the Berlinale Talents) and other local industry professionals will then analyze its various aspects, such as directing, producing and investment viability. The four main experts will discuss the various projects and choose one as the winner of the Talents Tokyo Award.

(2) Post-completion report

Within 3 weeks of completing the program, participants must submit a report. After submitting the report, they will be certified as having completed the program, and will receive a diploma in February 2021.

(3) Printed documents

The organizers will print information such as the talents' bios and projects and distribute them to other talents and people associated with the program.

(4) Official website

<https://talents-tokyo.jp/>

## 8 Application requirements

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- 1) You have an East-Asian / Southeast-Asian nationality or reside in those regions. You are fluent in the English language. You can submit a complete and accurate application online entirely in English and understand the application process.
- 2) You can take part remotely in all aspects of the program online.
- 3) You are willing to take part in the program in English.
- 4) You are an aspiring director/producer.

Directors: You should either (a) have studied or be studying film at a university or vocational school, and have directed at least one short/feature film or (b) have experience working on a film set as a director, and have directed at least one short/feature film.

Producers: You should have produced at least one short/feature film.

\* Candidates who have not experienced film production as a professional are preferred, but all candidates who meet the above criteria will be considered regardless of their professional background.

## 9 How to apply

Please see the application guidelines of the Talents Tokyo website for further information.

(1) Items to be submitted:

Directors: A completed application form, a short film you have made (up to 15 minutes long), and a treatment for a film project you would like to develop (in English, up to 5 pages A4)

Producers: A completed application form, a comprehensive report of films you have produced so far (in English), and a treatment for a film project you would like to develop (in English, up to 5 pages A4)

(2) Application period

June 15 to July 15 2020

(3) Website

<http://talents-tokyo.jp/2020/edition-2020/application-form>

(4) Contact information

TOKYO FILMeX – Talents Tokyo Section

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Within Connections Business Park

Email: [talents@talents-tokyo.jp](mailto:talents@talents-tokyo.jp)

(5) Publicity

The participant agrees that his/her sample of work submitted to Talents Tokyo may be shown publicly at Talents Tokyo and streamed on the Talents Tokyo website or related organizations and/or sponsors of Talents Tokyo. The participant agrees that any photographs taken by the organizers of the program may be used for promotional purposes. Furthermore, the participant agrees that details such as their phone number or address may be written on the printed documents mentioned above in 7 (3).

(6) Privacy

Any personal information collected will be processed in accordance with the relevant laws and will only be used for essential purposes in the course of the Talents Tokyo program.

## **10 Selection of participants**

Participants will be selected between mid-July and mid-September 2020 by a committee chosen by the organizers. Every effort will be made to inform applicants of the selected participants as soon as possible.

## **11 Regarding the validity of this information**

The information provided here is solely for the purpose of raising awareness of details of the

program as of June 12, 2020. Information on the official website's application guidelines takes precedence.

Please see <http://talents-tokyo.jp/2020/edition-2020/application-guidelines> for further information.

Details of the program may change due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation. Thank you for your understanding.