



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Hot Docs and the Documentary Organisation of Canada's Quebecor Documentary Fellowship Programme

The Programme

After its successful first year, Hot Docs and the Documentary Organisation of Canada (DOC) are pleased to announce the return of the Quebecor Documentary Fellowship Programme. The programme is designed for mid-level filmmakers from diverse communities intending to pursue documentary production as a viable, long-term career option.

The Quebecor Documentary Fellowship Programme will award five filmmakers with:

- **Year-Round Training** From business skills to High Definition production, year-round professional development programmes will help recipients hone their skills and prepare for Hot Docs 2008;
 - **Mentorship** The opportunity to be paired with a senior producer mentor from the DOC community who will oversee and inspire the Fellow throughout the entire programme and help transition him/her to the next tier of his/her career;
 - **Networking** Opportunities to meet commissioning editors, executive producers and craftspeople at networking events, which range from Meet the Broadcaster nights and networking parties, to day-long workshops and professional development activities;
 - **Hot Docs Accreditation** Participants will receive full accreditation to Hot Docs 2008, which provides access to a full slate of professional development programming;
 - **Doc Lab Enrolment** Three of the five Fellows will participate in Hot Docs' intensive Doc Lab training and mentoring initiative, which includes partial access to the Toronto Documentary Form (TDF);
- or -
- **Toronto Documentary Forum Accreditation** Two of the Fellowship participants will receive accredited Observer status at the Toronto Documentary Forum (TDF).

Bursary Recipients

Eight filmmakers will receive full accreditation to the 2008 Hot Docs Festival, providing them access to all industry events, screenings, conference sessions and various pitching opportunities, as well as access to select DOC events.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must be a member of an under-represented group – a visible minority or Aboriginal community – and must reside in the GTA. They must also:

- Be at an intermediate/mid-career level with a demonstrated commitment to their profession (i.e. 5 years professional experience, minimum of two paid professional credits);
- Have financial need and high potential illustrated through demonstrated success.

Additional selection criteria:

- Candidates must commit to full participation in the programme (schedules must be conducive to attending events/training);
- Candidates must be creative, innovative, resourceful, and willing to help push the boundaries of the documentary genre;
- Candidates must desire to deepen their understanding of proposal preparation, the production cycle, financing, co-production, and access to broadcasters.

How to Apply

Please include a cover sheet with your name, the name of your production company, your mailing address, telephone number, fax number and email address, followed by:

- A letter outlining your interest in participating in the Quebecor Documentary Fellowship Programme and how you feel it would benefit you professionally (maximum 1 page);
- A current resume, including a list of your key production credits (maximum 2 pages);
- A brief description of your current documentary projects in development (maximum 1 page per project).

Deadline for completed applications is **FRIDAY AUGUST 17th, 2007 at 5:00 PM**. Applications should be emailed to: amartin@hotdocs.ca.

Successful Applicants

Following the submission deadline, a selection committee comprised of industry professionals will review all applications. Successful applicants will be informed of their selection the week of September 3rd, 2007.

All participants will be asked to complete a questionnaire within one month of the end of the programme and submit a brief update six months after the programme documenting any production opportunities that arose from the programme.

For information regarding the application process, please contact:

Sadia Mir, Toronto Coordinator – DOC Toronto

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About Hot Docs

Each year, the Festival presents over 100 cutting-edge documentary films from across Canada and around the world, as well as a full roster of professional development and market events geared to documentary professionals. The 2008 Hot Docs Festival and Conference will take place April 17th -27th in Toronto.

About DOC

DOC is the only organization in Canada dedicated solely to the support and promotion of independent documentary filmmaking. Our ongoing lobbying efforts help keep documentaries alive and well in this country. And our professional development programmes provide crucial support for emerging and established artists in this field. We have over 650 members across the country, grouped together in six regional chapters. DOC boasts a diverse membership but with a single thread that unifies us all – the love of documentary.

Quebecor Fund

This programme is presented in partnership with Quebecor Fund's Professional Development Programme Grants for Under-Represented Groups (PDPT).

