

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1	What is the Film Lab Africa?	Film Lab Africa is an accelerator program that provides participants with comprehensive training in various aspects of filmmaking, including screenwriting, directing, producing, cinematography, editing, and more. It aims to equip emerging filmmakers with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in the industry.
2	What is the Film Lab Accelerator?	An accelerator within Film Lab Africa refers to a comprehensive and intensive program designed to fast-track the growth and development of emerging filmmakers and TV producers. It offers a structured curriculum, training sessions, workshops, mentorship, and various resources that aim to enhance participants' technical skills, creative capabilities, business acumen, and industry knowledge.
3	What is the Film Lab Showcase?	Film Lab Africa showcase is an opportunity for filmmakers to exhibit their completed projects, such as short films, to demonstrate their artistic and technical skills. Showcases can include film festivals, film premieres, screenings, exhibitions, or presentations that highlight the achievements of the participants. This not only offers visibility and recognition to the filmmakers but also serves as a bridge between their creative output and potential industry opportunities
4	Who can apply for the Film Training Program?	The program is open to emerging film makers that is between 18 – 35yrs old, resident in Nigeria and have a minimum of one credit in filmmaking & TV production.
5	Is there a fee to participate in Film Lab Africa?	No, there is no participation fee for selected filmmakers, The program is designed to offer support without any financial commitment.
6	How do I apply for the Film Training Program?	To apply, Use the link above
7	When is the application deadline?	The Application will be open for 4weeks.
8	Is this program available online or on-site?	The training program will be conducted virtually and face to face.
9	What is the duration of the program?	The training programs will commence in September 2023 and will end in March 2024.
10	Who are the instructors in the program?	Our instructors are industry professionals from the Uk and Nigeria with extensive experience in their respective fields. They are passionate about teaching and mentoring the next generation of filmmakers.

11	Will there be any practical hands-on experience during the program?	Yes, absolutely! The program emphasizes a hands-on approach, allowing participants to work on real film projects, collaborate with others, and gain practical experience to enhance their skills.
12	Is there any certification provided upon completion of the program?	Yes, participants who successfully complete the program will receive a certificate of completion, which can add value to their portfolio and resume.
13	What career opportunities can I expect after completing the program?	<p>Participants of Film Lab Africa can pursue various careers in the film industry, such as directors, screenwriters, cinematographers, editors, producers, actors, and more.</p> <p>By actively engaging in networking activities, trainees can build a strong foundation for their future careers by connecting with like-minded individuals and industry professionals</p> <p>Graduates of the film training program can pursue various careers in the film industry, such as directors, screenwriters, cinematographers, editors, producers, actors, and more. The program equips participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to enter different roles within the filmmaking domain.</p>
14	Can first time filmmakers apply?	Unfortunately, not. Film Lab Africa is an accelerator programme for Nigerian Filmmakers who already have one credit to their name. However, we have a Film club which aims to create a vibrant and engaging community for film enthusiasts, aspiring film makers and industry professionals.
15	Can I apply if I have already directed a film or produced content?	Yes, you can. You can only apply if you have directed a film or/and produced content. You are required to also bring a script and production into the program for further development and production.
16	What are the criteria for script and applicant selection?	The entries will be evaluated based on their creativity, originality, storytelling, and potential for development into a compelling film. The filmmaker record of accomplishment and motivation is a key criterion for selection.
17	What if my script is not in English?	Scripts in other languages other than English are welcome. However, if necessary, you will be required to provide a translation for further selection process.
18	Will I retain the rights to my script and film produced during the program?	Yes, you will retain the rights to your script and film. However, The British Council will have without limitation, an irrevocable, non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free license, to use, reproduce, distribute, modify, adapt, and publicly display your Content for lawful purposes such as promotions and marketing or any other lawful purposes

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19	How will the selection process work?	The selection process involves multiple stages, including script evaluation, interviews, and assessments to determine the most promising candidates.
20	What resources will be provided during the program?	Participants will receive access to training materials, workshops, mentorship, and networking opportunities to enhance their skills and knowledge.
21	Can I apply if I am not based in Lagos or Abuja?	Yes, the program is open to participants from various locations in Nigeria. However, you should be able to attend in-person sessions when required.
22	Will I have the chance to work with industry professionals?	Yes, the program offers opportunities to interact with industry experts, mentors, and professionals who will provide guidance and insights.
23	Is there a specific genre or theme required for a successful entry?	No, there is no specific genre or theme requirement. You have the creative freedom to develop your short film based on your script.
24	How will the Film Lab Africa Showcase benefit participants?	The showcase provides participants with a platform to present their work to a wider audience, funders, industry professionals, and potential collaborators.
25	Can I apply if I've already participated in other filmmaking programs?	Yes, you can apply even if you've participated in other programs. Film Lab Africa offers a unique curriculum and networking opportunities.
26	Is there a commitment required for the full duration of the program?	Yes, participants are expected to commit to the program's duration, including attending training sessions, workshops, and other activities.
27	Will I receive feedback on my script during the evaluation process?	Due to the volume of applications, individual feedback might not be possible during the evaluation process.
28	What are the potential future benefits of being part of Film Lab Africa?	Being part of Film Lab Africa can lead to enhanced skills, industry recognition, networking opportunities, and the potential for future collaborations.
29	Is there a possibility of international exposure through Film Lab Africa?	Yes, Film Lab Africa's connections and partnerships could lead to international exposure and opportunities for selected participants.
30	Are featured length scripts accepted for inclusion in the application?	Only short length scripts will be eligible.

31	Can I apply if I am over 35?	Priority will be given to ages 18-35. However, we encourage you to apply if you are slightly over.
32	Can I submit more than one script in my application?	Only one script can be submitted with your application.
33	Can the submission be a future project or an already developed project?	The eligible script should be for a future project that requires development. Scripts that have already been produced are ineligible.
34	Can I reapply before the deadline if there is an error in my application?	Yes, you can reapply. Please indicate in the additional information box that your second application is the valid application.
35	Can I apply as a Team, Consulting Company, Association or Cooperative Society?	You can only apply as an individual Film maker.
36	How do I share my script for the application?	You need to save your script on the cloud server of your choice and share the link in your application.