

Franzi Shorts is designed to identify and support emerging writers by offering them an opportunity to create work within the industry.

The programme also contributes to building Franzi's network of collaborators and developing its fiction department.

Each year, the programme provides creative, production, and financial support for one short film.



Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

- Employees of Franzi/SimpleRent and their immediate families are not eligible to participate.
- Submissions may be in any language, but the final language of the film will be determined by the producers.
- The screenplay must be a short film script (5-30 minutes in length).

Late entries will not be considered.

Publicity and Promotion

By entering, you grant Franzi/SimpleRent the right to use your name, likeness, and script title for promotional purposes related to the competition, as well as any future marketing efforts. This may include, but is not limited to, social media, press releases, and website features.

Rights to the Film

If your script is selected, Franzi/Simplerent will have the exclusive rights to produce, distribute, and otherwise exploit the film.

Production

- Franzi/Simple Rent will choose the director, producer, and crew for the film.
- The writer agrees to enter a development phase with Franzi. Creative feedback and revisions may be required. In the event of any creative disagreement, Franzi reserves the right to make final decisions regarding the film.



Entry Fee

November Deadline: \$17
December Deadline: \$25
January Deadline: \$30
March Deadline: \$35
May Deadline: \$40
Final Deadline: \$45

The entry fee is non-refundable.

Programme Changes and Delays

- Due to unforeseen circumstances, Franzi/SimpleRent reserves the right to modify or delay the competition schedule.
- If the competition is canceled, Franzi will issue a full refund to all participants.

Confidentiality

- All scripts submitted will be handled with confidentiality and care. Only Franzi Films' designated staff will review the scripts.
- Scripts will not be shared or distributed without the entrant's consent.

Rules

- Franzi/SimpleRent reserves the right to make changes or adjustments to the competition format, judging process, and prizes at any time, without prior notice.
- Your screenplay must not infringe upon any copyright laws.
- If your script does not meet the competition guidelines or violates any terms, Franzi/SimpleRent reserves the right to disqualify it.
- All decisions by the judging panel are final.

Timeline

- 2nd Round: 10 finalists will be announced on 15 September, 2026.
- 2nd Round: The winner will be announced on 1 October, 2026.

For any questions, you may contact the Franzi Shorts team at franzishorts@franzifilms.com