



Asian Cinema Fund 2025 Submission Guidelines for Script Development Fund

Asian Cinema Fund's Script Development Fund is for **first-or second-time fiction feature directors from Asia**. It provides funding to Asian independent filmmakers to complete their first or second feature-length fiction film scripts that are in development.

A CATEGORIES

- **Asian Project**
 - Writer-director of the project must be of Asian nationality
- **AFA / BAFA Project**
 - Writer-director of the project must be an alumnus/alumna of Busan International Film Festival's Asian Film Academy (AFA) / CHANEL X BIFF Asian Film Academy (BAFA)

※ **Script Development Fund is available for Asian projects except Korean.**

B ELIGIBILITY

- Project must be the **director's first or second feature film project**.
- Project contains Asian elements in its story, theme, characters, and background.
- Director must have experience directing at least one short or one feature film.
- Applicant must be a writer-director or a team of a writer and a director who are of **Asian nationality**. The producer(s) of the project does not have to be of Asian nationality.
- Script must be the applicant's **original work**.

C BENEFITS

- Cash grant of 10 million KRW
- Invited to the Asian Project Market 2025 as the APM official project

D HOW TO APPLY

1. Access the online application form. - [ACF website](#) ▶ [Submission] ▶ [2025 Guidelines] ▶ [Apply for Script Development Fund 2025]
2. Fill in the online application form and submit it properly
3. Submission will be open **from 4 March 10:00(GMT+9) until 31 March 23:59(GMT+9)**
 - * The online application form will be closed automatically after the deadline.

※ **After completing your submission, you will receive an automated confirmation e-mail from us with a link for modification of your application. You can modify it until the deadline.**



E REQUIRED MATERIALS

※ The online application form and any additional documents must be in English.

- Online Application Form
 - Project Information (title, budget, production plan, etc.)
 - Logline (300 characters including spaces)
 - Synopsis (1200 characters including spaces)
 - Director's Intention (2000 characters including spaces)
 - Director's Profile & Filmography (1500 characters including spaces)
- Additional Requirements
 - Treatment (5-10 pages / 11pt / PDF format / visual treatments not be included)
 - Director's previous work (up to 2 films / online link(s) / Credits and burnt-in English Subtitles (for non-English works) are MANDATORY / Trailers, music videos, or commercials are NOT acceptable)
- Extra additional documents for the project can be submitted if desired.

※ Online link(s) must be accessible until the end of May in 2025.

※ DVDs are not acceptable.

※ Attachments must be in PDF format and may not exceed 5 MB per file.

F SELECTION

- A total of 3 projects will be selected.
- Selection results will be individually announced through the applicant's e-mail in May.
- The funding will be provided after the 30th Busan International Film Festival

G OBLIGATIONS OF SELECTED PROJECTS

- The recipient must sign a Fund Agreement.
- The recipient will be invited to the Asian Project Market (APM) in 2025 as one of the official selections. At least one of the representatives of the project must participate in the APM 2025.
- The recipient will have to submit additional materials requested by ACF.
- The recipient must submit a working draft and the completed script after receiving the cash grant.
- The completed film must include the opening title card provided by ACF in the opening sequence and BIFF, ACFM, and ACF logos in the end credits
- BIFF, ACFM, and ACF logos must be included in the promotional materials.
- Project achievements must be regularly shared after participation; updates may be used for promotional purposes.



H. NOTES FOR SUBMISSION

- All notifications will be made exclusively through e-mail. Please make sure that the e-mail addresses provided in the application form are correct.
- Applicant can submit only one project to each Fund.
- Resubmission is NOT acceptable.
- The online application form and any additional documents for submission must be in English.
- Applications submitted after the deadline will NOT be accepted.
- Incomplete applications that do not meet the listed eligibility criteria, do not follow the stated rules or contain false information may be excluded from consideration without any prior notice.
- Any feedback on the result/project will not be provided.

I. CONTACT

If you have any inquiries, please contact the Support Program Team at acf@acfm.kr.