

Graduate Short Film Festival

Terms and Conditions

Eligibility

- The competition is open exclusively to currently enrolled postgraduate students at the University of Melbourne. You will be asked to show proof of enrolment.
- Students must be currently enrolled at the time of submission (e.g. if you graduate after submission but before the prize ceremony, you are still eligible)
- GSA staff (including casual student staff members), Board, Representative, and Faculty Council members are ineligible to participate.
- A maximum of two individuals can be credited on the prize if their submission wins. Both individuals must be currently enrolled postgraduate students at the University of Melbourne when they are awarded at the GSA Art Prize Ceremony on 29 August.
- Each student is allowed only one entry. Entries must be submitted using the entrant's University of Melbourne student email address.
- All individuals featured in the short film must have given informed consent to appear in the submission. For participants under 18, written parental or guardian consent must be obtained and provided upon request.
- Entrants must confirm that their submission is their own original work and does not infringe on the rights of any third party.

Film Requirements

- Short films must have a total runtime of no more than five (5) minutes.
- Films must be produced in 2025.
- Only original, non-AI generated short films will be considered.
- All films must include English subtitles if the original language is not English.
- Films containing offensive, discriminatory, or harmful content, or content inconsistent with GSA values, will be rejected.
- All films must be suitable for public screening and adhere to community standards.
- Entrants may be required to provide proof of authorship or production details upon request. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.



Judging and Selection

- A number of finalists will be selected and invited to attend the GSA Art Prize Ceremony on 29 August 2025 where awards will be presented to the winners.
- Finalists and winners will be selected based on the submitted film and accompanying information. The decision of the judging panel is final and not subject to appeal.

Copyright

- All sound, music, and other elements in the short films must be royalty-free. Submissions containing copyrighted music, sound, or imagery will be disqualified.
- Filmmakers are responsible for securing all necessary copyright permissions for any third-party content used in their films.

Screening and Promotion

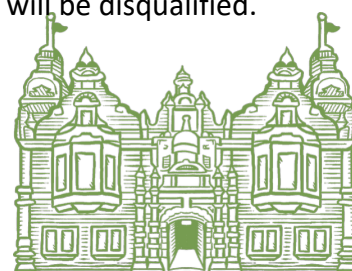
Submitted films must not have been commercially released or made publicly available online (whether free or paid) more than 1 week before submission in the GSA Short Film Prize screening. This includes on YouTube, Vimeo, TikTok, Instagram, etc.

By submitting a short film, entrants grant GSA the non-exclusive right to:

- Screen the film to a live audience and online, where applicable.
- Use full films or excerpts for promotional, educational, and archival purposes, including on GSA's website, social media, and partner communications.

Submission Process

- Only Films submitted on the FilmFreeway platform will be accepted
- Only complete submissions will be accepted. Trailers, incomplete works, or screener links that require special access (beyond password protection) will be disqualified.



- Entrants must ensure all technical elements are functional at the time of submission. Submissions with corrupted video files or missing subtitles (where required) will not be accepted.
- Late entries will not be accepted under any circumstances. Please ensure your submission is final before uploading, no edits or resubmissions will be allowed after entry.
- GSA may request to download your video from the FilmFreeway submissions platform for judging and promotional purposes. Entrants must grant access within 48 hours of the request, or risk disqualification from the competition.
- For any issues related to the submission process, please contact **shortfilm@gsa.unimelb.edu.au**.

General Terms

- GSA reserves the right to update these rules and terms at any time and to exclude entries or withdraw eligibility if entrants fail to meet the entry requirements or breach these Terms and Conditions.
- Final decisions regarding eligibility, selection, and judging rest solely with GSA and are not subject to appeal.

