

**CALL FOR APPLICANTS:  
LIFT, INNIS COLLEGE and CINEMA STUDIES INSTITUTE's  
INAUGURAL FILMMAKING MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**

**Toronto, August 2, 2017**—Do you have a great idea for a 5-minute short film? In an effort to foster independent filmmaking, the **Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto (LIFT)**, University of Toronto's **Innis College** and the **Cinema Studies Institute** present the Filmmaking Mentorship Program. This mentorship will give students the opportunity to explore filmmaking through the Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto's (LIFT) workshops, equipment and facilities.

You will be provided with a LIFT Production Membership until the end of the 2017/2018 academic year, and will be eligible to enroll in any training workshop offered during their Fall 2017 and Winter 2018 calendar (to a maximum \$500 value). You will have the opportunity to work with LIFT's knowledgeable staff and a specially selected mentor(s). You will get the opportunity to use LIFT's extensive equipment and post production facilities (to a maximum \$1,000 value). As every film is unique, equipment and facilities access will be established in the development phase based on the project's needs.

Innis College and/or the Cinema Studies Institute may subsidize additional costs related to your project up to \$750 bursary (only available upon receipt of deliverables). All other associated costs are to be covered by the participant. The final film will be screened at the University of Toronto Film Festival on Monday, March 26, 2018.

*Please note: Projects must be realistic in scope and subject matter as they must be completed and transferred as a digital exhibition master by Monday, February 26, 2018.*

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- This call is open to upper year Innis College or Cinema Studies Institute students currently enrolled in the 2017/2018 academic year
- Applicants must commit to attending LIFT workshops from September 2017 to April 2018
- Applicants must hold, and retain, creative, and editorial control in the director/filmmaker role, as well as copyright to the project for which they apply
- *We encourage students from diverse backgrounds and experiences to apply*
- *This mentorship is best suited to applicants who are deadline-driven and self-starters*

**Your Application Must Include:**

- One-page proposal: title, genre (fiction, non-fiction, experimental), length, medium, log line, synopsis
- A half to one-page statement on how you would benefit from this mentorship
- A production schedule and logistics summary: timeline, resources, etc.
- Your biography, 150 words maximum (*no resumes or curriculum vitae please*). Please indicate your past experience with film, video/digital and other artistic mediums (if any)
- Contact info, including email, mailing address and phone number
- Two professor recommendation letters and their contact info (email and phone number)

**Deadline:**

Email application in a **single PDF document** to [specialprojects@lift.on.ca](mailto:specialprojects@lift.on.ca) by **Friday, September 22, 2017 at 12pm**

Subject Heading: Application for LIFT, Innis and CSI's 2017 Mentorship

Should you have additional questions, please contact LIFT Education and Outreach Administrator **Rolla Tahir** at 416.588.6444 or [specialprojects@lift.on.ca](mailto:specialprojects@lift.on.ca)

**About the Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto (LIFT)**

LIFT is an artist-run charitable organization dedicated to facilitating excellence in the moving image through media arts education and production resources. LIFT exists to provide support and encouragement for independent filmmakers and artists through affordable access to production, post-production and exhibition equipment; professional and creative development; workshops and courses; commissioning and exhibitions; artist-residencies; and a variety of other services. Founded in 1981 by a small collective, LIFT has since grown to become one of the foremost centres of its kind globally. [www.lift.ca](http://www.lift.ca)

**About Innis College**

Founded in 1964, Innis College provides a small-scale, home to about 1,950 undergraduate students within the Faculty of Arts & Science at the University of Toronto (U of T). Students of Innis College represent a wide range of backgrounds and interests yet can all enjoy the familiarity and comfort of this local hub within the greater university. [www.innis.utoronto.ca](http://www.innis.utoronto.ca)

**About the Cinema Studies Institute**

Innis College also proudly houses the Cinema Studies Institute (CSI), one of the longest standing film-study programs in Canada. CSI has made key contributions to the evolution of this academic discipline through its commitment to scholarship and pedagogy. The research and teaching profiles of CSI faculty continue to attract international attention, and the reputation of its undergraduate and graduate programs has created strong student interest within Canada and beyond. [www.cinema.utoronto.ca](http://www.cinema.utoronto.ca)

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