

**LIFT and imagineNATIVE
16th ANNUAL MENTORSHIP PROGRAM: CALL FOR APPLICANTS**

Extended Deadline: Monday, January 20, 2020

Are you an Indigenous filmmaker with a great idea for a 5-minute 16mm short?

Celebrating 16 years of supporting independent Indigenous film, the LIFT/imagineNATIVE Mentorship program welcomes you to explore 16mm filmmaking through the **Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto's (LIFT)** workshops, equipment and facilities (other mediums may be employed in addition to 16mm).

Shoot and edit your short film, with the guidance of LIFT staff and an Indigenous mentor, and see your film on the big screen at the **imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival** from October 20-25, 2020 in Toronto!

The successful applicant will be provided with:

- a LIFT Production Membership good through October 2020
- eligibility to enrol in any training workshops offered during LIFT's Winter and Summer 2020 Calendar
- Mentorship from an Indigenous mentor, pending their availability
- Support, mentorship, and the use of 16mm production equipment from LIFT
- \$5,100 as an artist fee
- \$4,000 for crew
- \$2,500 for production
- \$500 for on-set craft (food + beverages)

Please note: Projects must be realistic in scope and subject matter as they must be completed and transferred as a digital file by September 15, 2020.

Eligibility Criteria:

- This call is open to Indigenous (First Nation, Métis, Inuit) candidates living in or near the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) only
- Candidates must commit to attending the LIFT training workshops from March–August 2020 We strongly encourage applicants who are deadline driven and self-starters.
- You must live in Toronto or within commuting distance from the city in order to access LIFT workshops and equipment. Travel subsidy and cost of living are **not** covered by this mentorship.

Your Application Must Include:

- A half to one page film treatment
- A production schedule to meet the required final deliverables deadline.
Note: Print quality film stills and final synopsis will be required by July 31, 2020 for publication in the imagineNATIVE catalogue and online
- A budget that shows your film can be completed within the scope of the mentorship
- Your biography (no resumes or CVs please). Please be certain to indicate your past experience with film, video/digital and other artistic mediums, if any, and your Indigenous affiliation
- Contact info, including email, mailing address and phone number
- How you found out about the mentorship
- Email applications to achartrand@imagnative.org

For any questions, please contact imagineNATIVE's Institute Manager Adriana Chartrand at 416.585.2333 ext. 5 or achartrand@imagnative.org

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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

About the imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival

The imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival is the largest international festival of its kind that celebrates the latest works by Indigenous peoples on the forefront of innovation in film, video, radio and new media. The imagineNATIVE Institute, a department within the organization, also runs year-round professional development opportunities for Indigenous screen creatives, and hosts a series of industry relevant talks each Spring. www.imagnative.org