



SPA Practitioner Program 2024

Program Guidelines

About the program

Run by Screen Producers Australia, the SPA Practitioner Program is a 12-month initiative giving participants access to a suite of SPA industry programs and events. Screen NSW is seeking expressions of interest from mid-career producers to nominate to the 2024 program, commencing in January.

As part of the program, practitioners will:

- Receive one [SCREEN FOREVER 38](#) accreditation for the conference being held 19-21 March 2024 on the Gold Coast, and the Online Global Market held 26-27 March 2024
- Receive either a full SPA or Associate membership depending on full producer credits
- Be eligible to have their entry fee waived for one nomination into an eligible category in the SPA Awards
- In addition to Business Essentials, mid-career practitioners will also have access to Business Essentials: Navigating Growth
- Have the opportunity to attend a *Taking Your Scripted TV Project to Market* short course.

Key information

- Opportunity: 12-month industry program access
- Applications open: 22 November 2023
- Applications close: 13 December 2023 (5pm AEDT)
- [Program page](#)
- [Apply here](#)

Program objectives

The objectives of the program are to:

- Boost the development of screen content producers' careers through training and professional development opportunities
- Create and build community and networking opportunities within the industry over a targeted 12-month period.

Eligibility

Who can apply

Applicants must be:

- A NSW resident: NSW resident refers to a person residing in NSW for at least six months prior to making an application.
- Available to travel to the Gold Coast to attend [Screen Forever 38](#) (19-21 March 2024). Successful applicants can apply for bursaries through Screen NSW.
- A mid-career producer and have a combination of two or more of the following:
 - o Ability to qualify as a full member of SPA: 30+ mins broadcast (inc. online) and/or 50+ mins theatrical release full producer credits
 - o 5 to 10 producer credits on commercially released screen productions - including short films, online and immersive media production that have been screened at domestic and internationally recognised festivals and/or available for public consumption. Full producer credits as listed on IMDB or alternative credit recognition in the public domain.
 - o Generally, 5 or more years' experience in professional film and TV production, as a producer
 - o Ability to demonstrate a commitment to career progression as a producer

Priority will be given to producers from these underrepresented groups:

- Regional NSW
- Western Sydney
- First Nations people
- People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- People living with disability
- LGBTQIA+ people.

When can I apply

Applications open at **22 November 2023** and close **13 December 2023 (5pm AEDT)**.

How do I apply

You will need to complete an online expression of interest detailing how you believe the Program would be of value to you at this point in your career.

Assessment process

Your application will be assessed on the basis of your experience and your expression of interest relating to the selection criteria.

Who will assess my application

Applications will be assessed by a panel of Screen NSW staff and subsequent recommendations will be considered by the Head of Screen NSW.

What happens if my application is successful

You will be notified of the outcome of your application by email by mid-January.

What happens if my application is unsuccessful

You will be notified of the outcome of your application by email by mid-January.

Start your application

[Apply here.](#)

Support and contact

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