

# UoW Film Society

## Originals

### **RULES & REGULATIONS FOR SUBMISSION (incl. Eligibility Requirements & Technical Specifications)**



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### **OPEN SUBMISSIONS**

UOW Film Society Originals accepts short and feature-length films from All University Students and Alumni and are invited to submit them to UOW Film Society.

Please fill in **all** required fields in the Online Submission Form if you wish to submit your film for consideration for our showcases and curated programmes of student work or to precede a feature-length presentation on an ordinary Film Society night.

### **Submission form links**

For shorts and feature submissions, please complete the online form [here](#).

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## Eligibility Requirements

**ALL Running Times are accepted.**

**ALL Genres & Stories are accepted provided that the content of the film is not defamatory towards any individuals, including but not limited to, Students, Staff, Alumni, Film Society, University of Westminster Students' Union or University of Westminster, as constituent elements.**

*We also accept Student Coursework made within their course, please consult your Production Team/Lecturer/Module Leader before considering to submit to UOW Film Society.*

UOW Film Society Originals does NOT accept submissions from Non-Students & Non-Alumni of the University.

It is expected the running time criteria will change, be subject to increased use, when the Originals stand comes to fruition.

***A recommended submission guideline is 5 minutes.***

**Micro-Short Films - 30 seconds - 3 minutes**

**Short Films - 3 minutes - Any Length**

**Feature Films - 60 minutes or Longer**

## Submission Requirements - Technical Specifications & Delivery

**We accept the following:**

- **Secure Online Screener / Screener Link - (i.e Password-Protected Vimeo, Unlisted YouTube)**
- **Files sent by WeTransfer, Dropbox or shared with Google Drive**
- **DVD Screeners**
  
- **Secure Online Screener / Screener Link**
  - We can accept shorts or features via a secure online viewing link with password. Please ensure that your password stays active until the deadline or intended exhibition of the film.
  
- **Files sent by WeTransfer**

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- [www.wetransfer.com](http://www.wetransfer.com) is a useful upload tool to send files up to 2GB (using the Free Version) or if you WeTransfer Plus you can send more (in terms of GB).
- **Files sent by Dropbox**
- **Files shared with Google Drive**
- **DVD Screeners**
  - For viewing purposes, we accept features and shorts on any region DVD. DVD submissions should be arranged with a Committee Member - contact [film.soc@su.westminster.ac.uk](mailto:film.soc@su.westminster.ac.uk) to book a time/date to give your DVD to a Committee Member.
  - The DVD should be placed in a DVD case, [DVD cases can be purchased at all Campus Student Shops], inside an A4 envelope containing a cover sheet with the following information written fully:
    - **Full Name**
    - **Email Address**
    - **Course**
    - **Year of Study**
    - **Campus**
    - **Film's English Title / Original Title**
    - **Genre**
    - **Synopsis**
    - **Running Time**
    - **Director's Name**
    - **Producer's Name**
    - **Name of Rest of Cast & Crew / *their courses/year of study - if relevant***

For ALL submission methods above, please ensure your film is exported at **Apple ProRes 422 or higher**. This ensures a high-quality encode during your project's export and preserves the image/sound data. It would be very helpful to the team to have a fully authored DVD, which would ease the ingestion process, otherwise you may risk your film not being playable.

We recommend your film's exported file is **1920 x 1080 (HD) / 16:9 Widescreen** - even if you've filmed in different aspect ratios and formats, this helps for when scaling different the projects on the screen. We accept films filmed in all different aspect ratios; so as long as they conform to this criteria.

As our playback system is Apple-based, **we regret to inform we are unable to support PC-only formats such as [mkv].**

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For more information on Project & Export Settings for a variety of NLEs, please click the relevant link below:

Adobe Premiere Pro CC 2018	<a href="https://whois matt.com/hdexportsettings/">https://whois matt.com/hdexportsettings/</a>
Final Cut Pro X	<a href="https://www.macprovideo.com/hub/final-cut/sharing-the-highest-quality-online-video-from-fcp-x">https://www.macprovideo.com/hub/final-cut/sharing-the-highest-quality-online-video-from-fcp-x</a>
Avid Media Composer	<a href="http://wolfcrow.com/blog/the-avid-media-composer-export-guide/">http://wolfcrow.com/blog/the-avid-media-composer-export-guide/</a>
DaVinci Resolve	<a href="https://filmora.wondershare.com/davinci-resolve/how-to-export-in-davinci-resolve.html">https://filmora.wondershare.com/davinci-resolve/how-to-export-in-davinci-resolve.html</a>

## Notification of Selection Decisions

All Open Submissions will be reviewed by the Committee **within 1-2 weeks of submission**. When the 'Originals' strand begins to take full effect, this waiting time may vary.

As the University's Film Society, we pride ourselves on being able to support the work and creative practice of our Student & Alumni Body where possible, so we're really excited to bring you the society's *Originals* stand for the first time. The *Originals* strand, as laid out in this Academic Year's Mission Statement - sets out to provide a free and inviting space for students to showcase their work, as well as view their peers' work, on a regular basis.

Short Films are chosen by the Committee to precede a feature-length presentation on the merit of its topical, genre, cultural or aesthetic relevance to the feature film. Some short films may be selected to form part of a programme of shorts or mini film festival which will be held at least once a Semester.

**You will hear from us normally via your student email, if you've been successful in your submission and notification on the time/screening your film will play at.**

## For Queries, please contact us:

Email: [film.soc@su.westminster.ac.uk](mailto:film.soc@su.westminster.ac.uk) - Submission Line: Film Submission Query

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/uowfilmsociety/>

Twitter/Instagram: @uwsufilmsoc