

New Voices Fellowship for Screenwriters

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Time Warner is the Founding Sponsor of the *New Voices Fellowship for Screenwriters*.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. How can I apply?

Asia Society will accept applications from 11th July – **15th September** 2011.
Download the application form from:

<http://asiasociety.org/centers/india/new-voices-fellowship-screenwriters>

Complete the form and email it along with the required material mentioned in the application to fellowship@asiasociety.org.in. There is no application fee. This is an endeavor to encourage talent, however, the applicant should have the rights to all the material used in the story or should have written permission to this, if borrowed from another source. Also ensure that the story is properly formatted with no grammatical errors. We will not be able to return the submitted material so please make sure you retain the original documents.

***Update August 2011:** After receiving several requests, NVFS is now also accepting material registered with Writers Guild of America and the Indian Copyright Act of 1957.*

Applicants must register both the original story and the previously written feature film script with the Film Writers Association (FWA) before submitting to NVFS.

The Film Writers Association

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Phone: (022) 26733027, 26733106

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Please contact the FWA office to get the application form and for any further queries (e.g. clarification about membership categories, registration process and duration, mode of payment, office hours, etc.).

FWA Documents Required: FWA application form, proof of Identity, proof of residence, two passport size photographs, *Signature from an existing member on the application form as reference and a membership fee - Rs.2613. Fill the FWA application form and attach all the documents and courier it to FWA for them to process it. (Please ensure that you clearly write ‘Asia Society New Voices Fellowship

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for Screenwriters Applicant' on top of the FWA form.)

*If you do not know any existing FWA member, then please attach your resume and a letter of reference from any employed person and send it to FWA.

2. Who can apply?

The Fellowship is open to Indian citizens residing in India, above 18 years old, who have written one full-length script that has been registered with the Film Writers Association, Mumbai. The goal of the Fellowship is to encourage and support new talent that is passionate about screenwriting.

3. Do you accept writing in regional Indian languages other than English?

Yes. Your writing can be in any Indian language. If the story/sample script is written in any regional Indian language other than English/Hindi, then it must be translated to either English/Hindi.

4. What do you look for in the selection process?

The Fellowship strives to find, encourage and hone storytelling talent, in this case in the format of screenplay. We are looking for something gripping, stories which could be of any genre from a thriller to slice of life stories. The Fellowship hopes to encourage original thinking and help selected applicants evolve a sturdy story into an engaging and skilful screenplay. Plagiarism will not be entertained; please help us ensure that there is no copyright issue with the submitted material by submitting original and FWA registered ideas.

5. Can I mail my application?

Yes. We would encourage you to email all the documents to fellowship@asiasociety.org.in. However, we will also accept applications by post. To help us screen the material with absolute objectivity, please ensure that the applicant's name, address, phone number or any other identifying information does not appear on the title page or any other page of the story and the previously written script.

6. Is this a full-time Fellowship?

No. The Fellowship has been designed bearing in mind that the selected candidates may be working professionals. The time lines of the fellowship will be given to the selected Fellows well in advance so they can plan accordingly. We hope to find applicants who will pursue the Fellowship program with absolute dedication and seriousness.

7. Is there any kind of financial assistance for the Fellowship?

The six Fellows selected to participate in the program will receive a stipend of Rs.1,00,000. The travel and accommodation costs for Fellows out of Mumbai will be borne by Asia Society for the second workshop in March/April 2012. We will ensure

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that we put up the dates and details of the workshops well in advance so that the Fellows can plan appropriately.

8. Do you accept collaborative work?

Yes. Collaborative stories with up to two writers can be submitted. However, only one Fellowship will be awarded per application.

9. What will the workshops cover?

The workshops will introduce writers to all aspects of screenwriting. There will be two 5-day-long residential workshops. The first residential workshop will be held from 8th – 12th November, 2011 in Mumbai, followed by a second one in March /April 2012 (date TBC). A detailed schedule of the workshop will be available on the website closer to the date.

10. Who owns the copyright of the story/screenplay?

The copyright of the story and consequent screenplay developed during the Fellowship will be held by the writer/writers. In case of copyright infringement, neither Asia Society nor any sponsor will be liable at any given time before, during or after the Fellowship program.

11. Do I need to sign a contract with Asia Society?

Yes. A legal contract will be signed by the six Fellows to ensure that deliverables are met. If a Fellow does not fulfill his or her responsibilities, then he/she must return the entire stipend money to Asia Society.

12. I don't have any background in cinema. Can I apply?

Yes. As long as you have an original story to tell and are serious about screenwriting, you can apply.

13. I have sent in my application but have not received an acknowledgement.

We will send acknowledgement to all applications we receive. In case you don't hear from us, email us at fellowship@asiasociety.org.in and we will look into it. Please ensure that you provide the correct contact information in the application form.

14. I have written a script. Can Asia Society produce it?

No, there is no guarantee of production. Asia Society is a not-for-profit organization and we are only providing a platform to screenwriters to develop their scripts through interactive workshops and one-to-one mentoring through the fellowship. Asia Society does not produce scripts, nor will any sponsor or any other third party do so though this program.

Thank you for your interest in the *New Voices Fellowship for Screenwriters*. Good luck!

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