



KURDISTAN FILM FUND

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Eligible projects are evaluated by the **Kurdistan Film Fund Jury**, composed of five international film professionals. Each project is independently assessed before being discussed during the Jury's final deliberations.

Projects are evaluated according to the following criteria:

Originality & Artistic Quality

Strength, originality, vision, storytelling, and overall artistic potential of the project.

Producer's Level of Commitment

Evidence of the producer's involvement, preparedness, and capacity to move the project forward.

Director's Previous Work

The director's previous artistic and professional experience, where applicable.

Financial Feasibility

Coherence and realism of the budget, financial plan, and overall feasibility of delivering the project.

Circulation Potential

Potential for the project to reach audiences through festivals, theatrical distribution, broadcasting, platforms, markets, or other relevant channels.

Meaningful Kurdish Connection

The project's meaningful connection to Kurdish identity, culture, language, communities, or narratives through the filmmaker, story, or project itself.

Diversity & Equality

Particular consideration is given to projects demonstrating diversity and equality within above- and below-the-line creative and production teams.

Selection Process

Only projects that successfully pass the **administrative, eligibility, and Kurdish cultural connection review** proceed to Jury evaluation.

1st Level — Team Eligibility Check

The KFF team reviews each submitted application to verify its completeness and compliance with the Fund's administrative and eligibility requirements. Only eligible applications proceed to the next level.

2nd Level — Kurdish Cultural Connection Assessment

Eligible projects are reviewed by at least two professionals with recognized expertise in Kurdish culture to assess whether the project demonstrates a meaningful connection to Kurdish identity, culture, language, communities, or narratives.

3rd Level — Jury Evaluation & Final Selection

Projects that successfully pass the previous levels are evaluated by the international five-member Jury according to KFF's established evaluation criteria. Jury members first assess projects independently before meeting for final deliberations, selection, and determination of the awarded grant amount.

Important: Meeting the eligibility requirements does not guarantee funding. KFF is a competitive fund, and final selections are based on the comparative evaluation of eligible projects within each funding cycle.

Thank You!

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