



**Focus**  
**On Factual**  
*Student Film Competition*

## THE COMPETITION

FOCUS ON FACTUAL is a short factual film competition run by the University of Stirling. Winners will be announced as part of **Focus on Scotland**, our festival of factual television that will take place on October 21<sup>st</sup> 2019.

Only films made by all-student teams are eligible.

Films must have been completed after 01 August 2018 to be eligible for entry.

The deadline for entries is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

Selection of the winning film will be made by a panel of television industry experts. Their decision will be final.

The primary contact for each film must have secured all necessary copyright clearances for music, archive and any other material, as well as all relevant releases for interviews, other contributions and locations.

When you submit of a film to the competition, you confirm that you have secured all necessary rights to broadcast the film or any part thereof at the competition and on social media.

Films must have a maximum duration including credits of 15 minutes for the short film category, and a maximum duration including credits of 5 minutes for the ultra-short category.

## WHO WE ARE

At the University of Stirling, we're proud of our reputation for outstanding production teaching and sector-leading collaboration with the TV industry.

We have excellent relationships with broadcasters and independent production companies in Scotland; many of our graduates have built successful broadcast careers in this country and beyond.

We recently launched our Factual TV Masters. To find out more, visit our webpage [stir.ac.uk/1mc](http://stir.ac.uk/1mc) Here you can find a short promo about the course with comments from some of our industry partners. <https://vimeo.com/264393654>

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### HOW TO SUBMIT

1. **READ** all instructions and rules.

2. **COMPLETE** the application form below.

3. Submit your application with a Vimeo link, still image and proof of student status.

We can only accept links, not DVDs or any other physical medium. Your submission must include four things – a private Vimeo link to your film, the completed application form, a production still (which we can use in our publicity and social media), and proof of your student status.

4. **SELECT** the correct category of submission; short or ultra-short

5. **CHECK** all film information is accurate and ready for print

If your film is selected, your information will be used to announce the shortlist and winners. Please make sure all the information in your application form is correct, particularly your crew names. Please also ensure all your content (including music and archive) is cleared for broadcast.

6. **SCAN** or photograph your student ID (this must clearly show the year and your course; if not, please submit a copy of your academic transcript for 2018/19); this serves as proof of your student status and eligibility to enter.

### 7. SUBMIT

Complete your submission and email it to us at [focusonscotland@stir.ac.uk](mailto:focusonscotland@stir.ac.uk) by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Include *Focus on Factual* in the subject heading. We'll be in touch in early October to let you know if your submission has been short listed. It is worth noting that academics may submit upon a student's behalf and enter multiple films for their institution.

### GENERAL RULES

- Submissions are open to short factual films completed after 1st August 2018.
- All entries must be received by midnight on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019.
- Films must be no longer than 15 minutes including credits for the Short Factual category, and no longer than 5 minutes including credits for the Ultra-Short Factual category.
- Films are only eligible where all key roles have been filled by UK-based students.
- If the original language of dialogue in the film is not English, the preview and screening copy must be subtitled in English.
- All films must be available at a minimum spec of HD 1080p.

- We cannot accept DVDs or any other physical format. Submissions must be made via email, including a private downloadable Vimeo link.

## Application form

NAME OF FILM		
VIMEO LINK TO FILM (AND PASSWORD)		
CATEGORY	<input type="checkbox"/> ULTRA SHORT (max 5 minutes excluding credits)  <input type="checkbox"/> SHORT (max 15 minutes excluding credits)	
PRINCIPAL CONTACT NAME AND INSTITUTION	(please nominate one principal contact; all communications will be made through this person)	
CONTACT EMAIL		
CONTACT PHONE		
PRODUCTION TEAM 1	Name	
	Course	
	Role	
PRODUCTION TEAM 2	Name	
	Course	
	Role	
PRODUCTION TEAM 3	Name	
	Course	
	Role	
PRODUCTION TEAM 4	Name	
	Course	
	Role	
PRODUCTION TEAM 5	Name	
	Course	
	Role	

- I confirm that the film is an original work, created by the team named above.  
 I confirm that the all content of the film is cleared for broadcast at the *Focus on Scotland* festival and online.  
 I understand that the film may be screened at *Focus on Scotland*, and/or posted online.

Please check that you are submitting ALL of the following...

- YOUR APPLICATION FORM  
 A PRODUCTION STILL FROM YOUR FILM  
 A PRIVATE DOWNLOADABLE VIMEO LINK TO YOUR FILM  
 A COPY OF STUDENT IDs FOR YOUR TEAM

SIGNED:

DATE:

(PRINCIPAL CONTACT)