

Universo Corto
International Short Film Festival on any subject
14th edition
July 21-24, 2021

CALL

RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION

1) Participation requirements

Short films can be submitted to the competition preferably shot by directors enrolled in universities, training courses and cinema schools in Italy and abroad, as well as by independent film-makers.

To favor the widest possible participation to the competition, the Festival charges a registration fee of € 20.00. The short films must be shot after January 1, 2017.

The Festival accepts works on any subject, without any limitations as to subject or genre (fiction, documentary, animation, etc.). Submitted short films compete against each other in a sole section. They will be shortlisted by the organizers, members of the Circolo Giovani Persone, and by the Artistic Director. Only the selected short films will be projected during the three evenings in which the competition articulates.

Short films already submitted to previous editions of the Festival will not be accepted.

Short films in any language will be accepted, but in case they have been shot in a language different from Italian, they must be subtitled either in Italian or in English.

As a rule, short films are acceptable of a maximum duration of 15 minutes. However, the organizers and Artistic Director of the festival reserve the right to accept a few works of a duration not exceeding 30 minutes.

Submitted short films must be final versions, ready for an eventual projection.

All participant short films, regardless of subject or genre, will compete in a sole section, whose winners will be chosen by a technical jury. In addition, the Audience Award will be decided on the basis of the votes expressed by the spectators participating to the three evenings in which the projection competition articulates. The Sakura Award will be bestowed by a dedicated jury. The organizers and the Festival direction reserve the right to assign further special prizes or mentions.

2) Rules for participation

To register to the competition, it is necessary to follow the indications to be found in the specific section "Submissions" ("Iscrizioni") of the website www.universocorto.org or through the enabled online platforms. To participate to the competition, it is necessary to pay the € 20 registration fee following the given instructions.

The failure to pay the registration fee will imply the exclusion from the competition.

3) Participation material

A copy of the short film (to be sent electronically after registering to the official website or the enabled platforms indicated in it).

Completed registration form, signed by the director (it can be replaced by the online sending of the short film through the enabled platforms).

Complete information sheet (optional).

Short film Press pack (optional)

Director's photo and biography (optional)

Short film's trailer, poster and postcards, if available (optional).

All participation materials are to be sent simultaneously with the registration or subsequently, if required by the Festival organization staff. It is necessary to send the entire short film. Simply sending the trailer is not sufficient to register to the competition. Sent material will not be returned.

Participation with more than one short films

Each director can submit more than one short films, but each of them must be separately submitted, possibly accompanied by its own registration form and information sheet.

Return and use of the submitted materials

The materials sent for participation will not be returned. By registering the submitted work the Authors give their specific consent to its public screening during the Festival days as well as to its potential use for further promotion or promotion connected with the event.

4) Deadline for works submission

Short films must be received by and not later than June 20, 2021. The works sent after the deadline, or that do not respect all the requisites indicated in this call will be automatically excluded from participating to the Festival.

5) Final phase

The short films will be shortlisted within July 10, 2021. After that date, participants can contact the Festival organizers at the addresses and contacts indicated on the website in order to be informed about the admission to the final phase of the competition. The winners should contact the Festival organizers to ask about the results of the competition.

6) Privacy

The personal data of the participants will be deployed exclusively for the ends and goals of the Festival and its promotion, in accordance with the Italian regulations regarding privacy issues.