

Rules and Regulations

Script Coaching

An initiative by



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1 Subject of agreement

The Script Coaching for short film projects is presented by Kurzfilmtage in collaboration with FOCAL. It offers six to eight Swiss authors/directors an opportunity to receive professional feedback on their short film scripts during free coaching sessions.

2 Selection process

The call for submissions is typically announced two months in advance.

Complete submissions of short film projects are presented to a selection team of representatives of Kurzfilmtage and FOCAL. Projects must be selected unanimously.

A project cannot be accepted for evaluation if it was submitted and rejected in a previous round of applications. Furthermore, projects can only be selected once.

Decisions are irreversible and are typically communicated to applicants two weeks prior to the event. Applicants are not entitled to a statement of reasons.

3 General conditions of participation

The author(s) of a script/treatment confirm their consent with their signature on the application.

Applications for the Script Coaching can be submitted in German, French, or English and must contain the following:

- Signed application form
- Script or treatment
- Bio-/filmography

4 Formal criteria

Swiss fiction, animation, documentary, and experimental shorts are eligible.

The following are not eligible: school films (including graduation films) and films by students currently enrolled in a film course, installations and performative projects, didactic film projects and teaching materials.

Filmmakers and producers who are Swiss citizens or who have been living and working in Switzerland for at least four years can apply.

Applicants must have made at least one short film that was screened publicly (cinema, television, or festival).

5 Services

The services consist of:

- A free coaching session lasting 60 to 90 minutes, during which the authors/directors receive professional feedback on their short film scripts.

The coaching sessions are held on Saturday, 7 November 2026, at Alte Kaserne in Winterthur.

Travel costs and meals are not covered.

6 Applicable law

These Terms & Conditions are subject to Swiss law exclusively. This provision applies to all agreements entered under this document and any supplements. The place of jurisdiction is Zurich, Canton of Zurich.

7 Closing provisions

These Terms & Conditions are effective on 15 July 2026.

Any changes to the present document must be approved by FOCAL.

8 Submission deadline

The application must be submitted exclusively via the link on the website and no later than 1 October 2026, 23:59.