

In order to apply for The Whickers Film & TV Funding Award, your film will need to meet the following criteria. Here are the rules:

- **The film must be the applicant's first director or co-director credit on a documentary that is 50 minutes or more.** This rule applies to any previous documentary that has already been seen by the public (whether by broadcast, online, theatrical release or otherwise). It only applies to previous films of 50 minutes or more that are documentaries.
- **The total budget for your 50+ minute documentary feed cannot exceed the value of £400,000.** This is a fund for low budget documentaries that might not otherwise be made.
- **Applicants who already have other funding sources to the value of more than £300,000, at the time they apply, are not eligible.**
- **The film should be in late development to early production at the time of applying.** The Funding Award is not a finishing fund for documentaries that are near completion.
- **If selected for our shortlist, the director should be available to travel to the UK to pitch the film at the Sheffield International Documentary Festival in June 2024.** The Whickers will cover reasonable travel and accommodation for the trip.
- **The Whickers cannot transfer the award money to an individual's personal bank account.** The funding winner may need to set up a special project account within an umbrella production company, receive funds into their own company account, or use the services of a fiscal sponsor.
- **Applicants must have an Executive Producer on board at the time of applying.** This should be somebody with extensive industry experience who can vouch for you professionally, and who can act as a guide and mentor through the process of making your first full length documentary film.
- **If the applicant is applying as a co-director, both directors need to meet the criteria above.**

Considering the checklist above, please confirm that your project is eligible and that you will inform us if there is a change in circumstances. If you have any queries, please contact The Whickers at info@whickerawards.com.

(Delete as appropriate)

Yes, I can confirm that the project is eligible according to all of the above criteria.

No, my project is not eligible according to the above criteria. Further details:

Section 1: Your Project

- **Title of your project:**

- **Sell us your project in two sentences:**

- Please explain in less than 300 words how your project meets [What We Look For](#) criteria for the Funding Award:

Section 2: Your Information (Must be Director)

- Your name:
- Date of birth:
- Email address:
- Mobile number:
- Address:
- Personal website URL or LinkedIn:
- Is your time taken up by full time employment at the moment?
- If so, where do you work and what is your role? (If you are not in full time employment, please skip this question)
- If so, and if you were successful in winning funding for your project, how likely is it that you will be allowed the necessary time off to make your documentary? (If you are not in full time employment, please skip this question):
- What is your role in connection to the application:
- If you are working with others on this project, please list their names and roles below:
- Please also confirm that they know you are applying for this fund, and are happy with this:
- If you are able to work in a language other than English, please specify:

Section 3: Some important practicalities

Your application will be judged in part by up to 6 minutes of preliminary footage that we can access by Vimeo. Please ensure that the link is working correctly and will not expire before June 2024. Please also ensure that the submitted footage does not exceed 6 minutes. If you exceed the time limit, it may affect the validity of your application.

- Link:

- Password for Vimeo link:

- At what stage is your project currently (eg. late development, early production etc.)?

- As a percentage, how much of your filming do you think you have done so far?

- It is possible that The Whickers will expect the winning film to premiere in June 2026. How likely is it that your documentary will be ready for this deadline? In 60 words please explain your answer:

- Should you be selected as our winner, would your employer release you from work to ensure the film is finished before June 2026 (if applicable)?

- If your funding application is successful, you will be required to mention The Whickers in your publicity for your film and include our logo within the end credits. Please confirm that you agree with this:

- Have you previously applied for The Whickers Film & TV Funding Award?

- If your project is a resubmission, please detail how the project has progressed since your last application.

Section 4.1: Your project - the full works

Please use the text box to provide a full synopsis of up to 2000 words. Things to consider:

- A description of your key characters and the role they will play

- If you are taking us into new and unexpected worlds, how will you secure access?
- A description of the style and format of your film
- An outline of the story, act by act
- An indication of how your documentary might end
- An indication of what your audience might conclude from the film
- An outline of how you might use technology to shape the content and the tone in an innovative way
- An outline of your duty of care provision for contributors

4.2: Budget

Please provide your budget breakdown in British pounds.

- Research expenses:

- Crew salary:

- Camera equipment:

- Sound equipment:

- Travel:

- Editing (please also state number of edit days budgeted for):

- External hard drives:

- Post-production (grading, audio mixing, etc):

- Music composition:

- License/archive fees:

- Legal or other consultation fees:

- Contingency:

- Other:

- Estimated total (in British pounds):

- Do you have any other funding in place for your project? If so, please provide details of the funding bodies, the amount in British pounds and any criteria for delivery:

- If you are successful in your application, will you be seeking additional funding from other sources?:

4.3: Details of Your Production Company

- Name of company or project account (or fiscal sponsor):

- Company website address (if applicable):

- Terrestrial Address:

- Company Email Address:

- Name of account holder, and bank where it is held:

- Company registration number:

4.4: Details of Your Executive Producer

- Executive producer's name:

- Their company name and/or previous films:

- Exec producer's email address:

- Exec producer's contact number:

Section 5: Your background

This section should be filled in by the director of the project. If there is more than one director, please combine your answers to fit within the word limit.

- Have you made a documentary programme or short film before?:

- If so, please give details below. Please provide: the year of completion, the name of the film, length in minutes, your role, if/where it was exhibited or broadcast, a one sentence synopsis.

- How did you learn your (documentary) filmmaking skills in 50 words?:

- What drives you to make this particular documentary in 50 words?:

- How will this funding benefit your project in 50 words?:

- Why would an audience really love your film in 50 words?:

- The Whickers is financially regulated under Jersey law that, as an offshore entity, has very strict rules about the transfer of funds. To comply with these rules, we will need to supply your tax code, a certified copy of a recent utility bill to confirm your residential address, and a certified copy of your passport, before we can transfer any money.
Please confirm that you will be happy to supply these details if you are shortlisted.:

- Please confirm that you fully abide by the terms and conditions of The Whickers Film & TV Funding Award (these can be found on our website:
<https://www.whickerawards.com/apply/film-and-tv/terms-and-conditions/>):

- Where did you hear about The Whickers?: