

# INTERNATIONAL FEATURE FILM COMPETITION 2024

## TERMS AND RULES

**10-20 OCTOBER 2024**

The Human Rights Film Festival Lugano (FFDUL) has been held in Lugano, Switzerland, since 2014. The film selection consists of documentaries and fiction films based on existing realities that, through their artistic quality, become a tool for denunciation and reflection.

Each year the FFDUL is a space for dialogue between authors, experts, activists and the public, to allow in-depth study and reflection on human rights. The International Feature Film Competition allows the audience to insight even more cinema and human rights.

The FFDUL is supported by the Swiss Confederation, the Canton of Ticino, the City of Lugano and numerous private entities.

The entry call to the 11th FFDUL International Feature Film Competition is open until June 16, 2024.

### **1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- All films (documentary, fiction, animation,...) longer than 60 minutes produced in 2023 or 2024 are eligible
- All those who want to submit a film must fill out the form in its entirety at [festivaldirittiumani.ch/en/film-submission](https://festivaldirittiumani.ch/en/film-submission)
- The submission involves sending a private screener link of the film (downloadable for the selection committee). Screener must be subtitled in English
- Applications must be completed before June 30, 2024 (midnight)\*
- No applications fee is required
- The selection committee chooses, from the properly submitted films, the 8 films that will participate in the Human Rights Film Festival Lugano Competition
- **Only films unreleased in Switzerland** are selected. Any selection to other festivals on Swiss territory should be notified promptly

## **2. AWARDS**

- All selected films participate in the competition, which includes the Jury Award and the Audience Award
- The Jury Award provides a cash compensation worth 8000.– Swiss Francs
- The Audience Award provides a cash compensation worth 5,000.– Swiss Francs
- Any prizes presented by FFDUL partner organizations may be added
- The compensation is delivered by the FFDUL to the author who makes arrangements with the other eligible claimants, if necessary. The FFDUL does not intervene in these negotiations

## **3. SELECTED FILMS**

- The list of selected films will be published on the FFDUL website and announced in the press (date TBC). The author and/or production and/or distribution is contacted prior to publication.
- The author and/or production and/or distribution authorize the publication of their details on [www.festivaldirittiumani.ch](http://www.festivaldirittiumani.ch) and all related digital or printed products.
- Admission to the festival implies the assignment, without compensation, of the rights to reproduce stills or excerpts from the film (maximum 3 minutes) intended for promotion of FFDUL in print, television, web, and other promotional materials
- Entitled parties authorize physical (3 screenings) and online (geo-locked for Switzerland) screening of selected films without compensation. Any additional screenings will be subject to negotiation
- Selected films must be delivered in DCP (with KDM, if any) or ProRes file format already subtitled in Italian and accompanied by English subtitle .srt files (other formats will need to be discussed)
- Delivery of physical and digital materials (copy of the film, trailer and/or excerpts, min, 3 photos of the film, photo of the director/s) must be submitted by August 15, 2024. Shipping (physical or digital) costs are the responsibility of the participant, as well as liability for any damage in transit
- Selected films may not be withdrawn from the competition after confirmation of selection and may not be shown throughout Switzerland before October 20, 2024. Contrary circumstances may not be considered

## **4. HOSPITALITY**

- One of the main goals of the Human Rights Film Festival Lugano is to promote the exchange and meeting between professionals and audience in a space of dialogue that is not only formal
- Film delegations should be available to join FFDUL for the film première and the award ceremony
- FFDUL will cover travel and hotel expenses for selected film delegations (1 person, maximum 2 nights).

## **5. FILM SUBMISSION AND PARTICIPATION IMPLIES ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND RULES**

More information: [entries@festivaldirittiumani.ch](mailto:entries@festivaldirittiumani.ch)

Lugano, March 15, 2024  
(\*deadline updated June 14, 2024)