

PLATFORM The Slate Application 2026-27

Application Preview

Thank you for your interest in The Slate.

The Slate is a practical filmmaking and talent development initiative from PLATFORM, delivered by Phoenix, Badshoes Film and Liminal Screens.

The programme will support the collaborative development and production of three new short films created by people based in Leicester and Leicestershire, with the completed films premiering at Phoenix in March 2027.

This application form is for writers and writer-directors who would like to submit a story for consideration.

Before applying, please make sure you have read the full Application Guidance and Programme Information document which [can be found here](#).

Key dates

- Drop-in sessions to speak with a member of The Slate team: Thursday 18 June 2026 Phoenix Café Bar
- Informal advice on pitching session: Thursday 9 July 2026 Phoenix Terrace Room
- Pitch submission deadline: Thursday 16 July 2026
- Pitch event: Thursday 30 July 2026 Phoenix Terrace Room
- Development, production and post-production: August 2026 – February 2027
- Premiere screening: March 2027 Phoenix Screen 1

To complete this form you will need:

- A completed treatment of no more than three pages (PDF)

The form should take around 15 minutes to complete.

A preview of the applications questions can be found below.

The Slate is a collaborative learning programme rather than a funding scheme. Participants will not receive fees for their involvement and selected projects will be developed through a collaborative process involving writers, directors, producers, cast, crew and mentors.

A note about the pitching stage

The Slate is a new programme and this is the first time it has been delivered. At this stage we do not know how many submissions we will receive. If application numbers are manageable, all eligible applicants may be invited to take part in the pitching event on 30 July 2026.

However, if we receive a high volume of submissions, the application form and treatment will be used as a first-round selection process and a smaller number of applicants will be invited to pitch.

Further information will be shared with applicants after the submission deadline.

Please note: Google Forms does not send an automatic confirmation email when you submit your application. Once you have successfully submitted the form, you will see an on-screen confirmation message confirming that your application has been received and logged and a copy of your answers.

If you have any questions before applying, please contact platform@phoenix.org.uk.

Good luck. We look forward to reading your story.

Email*

Section 1: About you

First name*

Second name*

Pronouns*

he/him, she/her, they/them etc

Telephone number

What is your current address?*

To be eligible for The Slate Writers and Writer-Directors need to be based full time in Leicester or Leicestershire.

If shortlisted, are you willing to provide evidence that you are based full-time in Leicester or Leicestershire? Examples of acceptable evidence include:

- Driving licence
- Recent utility bill
- Council tax bill
- Bank statement
- Tenancy agreement
- Mortgage statement
- Official correspondence showing your name and address

Evidence will only be requested from selected applicants and any personal information not required for verification will need to be redacted.

Are you applying as?

Writer

Writer-Director

Section 2: Your story

Project title*

Logline*

Describe your film in one or two sentences. Maximum 50 words.

Why does this story belong in Leicester or Leicestershire?*

We're interested in how the story connects to local people, places, communities, cultures or experiences. Maximum 200 words. You may submit a link to a video or audio file if you prefer.

Why do you want to develop this project through The Slate?*

Maximum 200 words. You may submit a link to a video or audio file if you prefer.

Treatment upload*

Please upload a treatment of no more than two pages as a PDF.

First draft

Please upload a PDF if available. (Optional)

The final section

Declarations

- I am aged 18 or over.
- I am based full time in Leicester or Leicestershire.
- The submitted work is my own, or I have permission from all co-creators to submit it.
- I have read and understood the Application Guidance and Programme Information.
- I understand that The Slate is an unpaid collaborative talent development programme.
- I understand that selection does not guarantee production, employment, future funding or complete creative control.
- I understand that selected projects will be developed collaboratively and may evolve throughout the programme.
- I understand that Google Forms does not send an automatic confirmation email but I will receive a copy of my answers and after submitting this form I will see an on-screen message confirming that my application has been received and logged.