



## High-end TV Skills Fund Bursaries

ScreenSkills' High-end TV Skills Fund is fully funded by industry investment from levy contributions paid on scripted high-end TV productions since April 2013. The High-end TV Skills Fund addresses the skills and training needs of the high-end TV industry to create jobs and training opportunities, and to strengthen and build skills to ensure the robust growth of the sector is secured with a fully skilled and growing workforce.

We have ensured all the information you require is listed below. Unfortunately, we do not have the resources to take phone calls regarding bursaries. However, if you do have a query please email this address: [info@screenskills.com](mailto:info@screenskills.com)

### What training can we support?

We invite applications from **individuals**, working in the **UK screen industries** as **freelancers**, to apply for bursary support to help them progress within scripted high-end TV. Please note that the following departments are currently being supported:

- **Accounts**
- **ADs & Locations**
- **Art & Construction**
- **Assistant Directors**
- **Camera**
- **Costume**
- **Hair & Make-Up**
- **Lighting & Electrical**
- **Locations**
- **Post and VFX**
- **Production**
- **Props**
- **SFX**
- **Sound**
- **Rigging & Grip**

### Key Information

**You may only apply for up to £1,000 of funding per financial year but you can apply for more than one course. The training course must start at least one day after your application is made – we cannot accept applications for training which has already begun.**

## Who can apply?

You can apply for a high-end TV bursary if:

- You can demonstrate **proven professional experience** of working regularly in the **UK screen industries**. Dailies work is acceptable as long as it is on broadcast material and you have more than three credits. Trainee experience does not count. Work undertaken at film school or in education is also **not** considered suitable experience;
- You have been accepted on the training course(s) you want to attend;
- You are able to demonstrate how the training you are applying for will benefit your career to progress within the high-end TV industry;

And the course you want to attend:

- Falls under the priority departments, and skills, identified above;
- Starts no earlier than one working day after the date your application is received by ScreenSkills;
- Is delivered by a recognised training provider;

You **cannot** apply if you:

- Are in full-time education;
- Are employed on a permanent contract;
- Do not have a permanent UK address;
- Are applying on behalf of an organisation.

If your application is successful you may not reapply for another high-end TV bursary until the following calendar year **and** once your training is complete, with all terms and conditions met.

If your application is unsuccessful we are not in a position to provide feedback.

## Bursaries will not support

- Training or qualifications that fall outside the area of scripted high-end TV;
- Full-time graduate, postgraduate, degree or diploma courses;
- Training that is already supported by other ScreenSkills funds;
- Training that is due to start earlier than one day after the date your application is received by ScreenSkills;
- Training not arranged through a recognised industry training provider or assessment centre;
- Attendance at networking, festivals or social events;
- The purchase of equipment;

## Your application

It can take up to four weeks for us to reach a decision on your application. If you decide to go on your course before you receive a decision, ScreenSkills does not accept responsibility for funding your attendance. Wherever possible, please try to allow four weeks between making your application to ScreenSkills and your course starting.

## How much should you ask for?

You may apply for up to 80% of the combined fees, travel and accommodation costs of your training (including childcare costs if applicable), up to a **maximum of £1000 inclusive of VAT**.

Example	
Course costs:	£950
Travel costs:	£250
Total:	£1200
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<b>80% x £1200 = £960</b>	

## Travel and accommodation costs

ScreenSkills only pay travel and accommodation costs in addition to the course fees, we cannot pay them in isolation.

Travel and accommodation costs will only be supported if your training is held **more than 50 miles from your permanent home address**. You may need to provide proof of address if your application is successful.

Travel and accommodation will be supported at ScreenSkills standard rate:

- Overnight accommodation within the UK but outside London - £60 per night
- Overnight accommodation in London - £90 per night
- Flights – economy rates only
- Rail travel – standard class fares only
- Car travel – 45p per mile

## Childcare costs

ScreenSkills can only pay a contribution to childcare costs in addition to the course fees, we cannot pay them in isolation.

Rates are as follows:

- Up to a maximum of £40 per day within London;
- Up to a maximum of £30 per day outside London but within the UK

**Please provide a breakdown of your costs on your application form. If your application is successful you must provide proof of childcare, travel and accommodation costs.**

## Diversity and inclusion

ScreenSkills champions inclusivity in the UK Screen Industries. We are committed to improving the diversity and inclusion within the industry's workforce.

ScreenSkills encourages and welcomes applications from people working in all nations and regions of the UK and believes that no one should feel excluded because of their background, circumstances or beliefs.

## How to apply

### Online application process

Applications for funding for training are made using our online application form.

Log onto this form by following this link [this link](#)

The first page of the application is an eligibility test. Should you be successful you will be directed to the online form. This takes you through the application step by step and should not take more than 30 minutes to complete. Before you start filling in the form, make sure you have the following information available:

- The name of your chosen training course(s);
- The name and address of the training provider;
- The cost of the training and any additional travel, accommodation and childcare costs;
- The dates of your training;
- Your CV ready to upload;
- Copy of your acceptance on the course and confirmation of the course costs ready to upload (either a company headed letter or email from the training provider);
- Direct link to or copy of the course outline ready to upload.

Once you have completed the application form and attached your supporting documents you must press the **submit** icon on your screen. Until you do this, your application has not been submitted to ScreenSkills to be assessed.

### How do I know that I have successfully completed the online application process?

You will automatically be sent a receipt of application email with a tracking number. If you do not receive this, please check your junk mailbox and if it is not there contact us immediately.

## What happens next?

If your application is successful you will receive an **offer email and letter** outlining the offer and our terms and conditions (see below). You must **accept the offer within two weeks** of the date of the email. This means signing the offer letter and returning it to us electronically with your bank details. We may also ask for proof of your address – this will be indicated in your offer letter. Any offers not accepted within two weeks will be withdrawn. ScreenSkills cannot release any funding until we receive your signed offer letter.

You will know if your grant application has been successful **within four weeks** of the date your full application is received.

If you decide to attend training before receiving notification from ScreenSkills, ScreenSkills does not accept responsibility for funding your attendance should your bursary be declined or considered ineligible. Please bear in mind that to ensure equality of opportunity we cannot speed up the assessment process.

If we offer you funding for training but you no longer wish to accept it, please let us know in writing.

## How will my grant be paid?

Your funding will be paid directly into your personal bank account in two stages:

- **Stage 1:** 50% of your grant will be paid to you on receipt of your signed offer letter;
- **Stage 2:** 50% of your award will be paid on receipt of your proof of expenditure (copies of receipts from your childcare, travel and accommodation costs) and confirmation from the training provider that you have completed the training.

Please note that you are responsible for paying the training provider. ScreenSkills does not accept responsibility for transferring funds to training providers.

**If your application is unsuccessful we will notify you by email.**

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