

The 2018 Grierson Trust DocLab

Do you love documentaries? Do you think you could bring something unique, creative and brilliant to the industry if only you were given the chance to prove yourself? Do you have stories you are burning to share, or think need to be told?

If the answer is **yes** to any of the above, The 2018 Grierson Trust DocLab could be for you. This is an opportunity to turn that thought into reality. The television industry needs new entrants from a variety of different backgrounds and experiences to make exciting, interesting, thought provoking and show stopping factual and documentary programmes.

We are now seeking applications from young people (UK residents only), who are passionate about television and documentaries, who have ideas on what they can contribute to the industry and who can offer fresh perspectives which are not being reflected on the screen.

We are particularly interested to receive submissions from under-represented groups in the television industry, for example young people from BME backgrounds, those who face socio-economically disadvantages, perhaps you living somewhere far from opportunities or it may be that you have disabilities. This is not a definitive list and you will have the opportunity to give reasons illustrating how you believe you meet this criterion.

In return, this prestigious scheme will give you the support to take that first step towards a successful career in factual programme making. You will be enrolled onto a residential training programme, gain access to award winning industry professionals, structured mentoring support, the chance to attend the internationally recognized Sheffield Doc/Fest, and be offered a paid placement with a production company. The Trust will additionally provide ongoing bespoke support to help you progress your career choice within the sector.

You can [watch](#) how last year's trainees have benefitted from the scheme, and read how our alumni have got on in the industry on the [Grierson Trust website](#).

This opportunity is for **new entrants** (aged 18-25), and will support a variety of roles behind the camera. You can find information about working in the TV industry on the [Creative Skillset](#) website, or on the [BBC Academy](#) portal, as well as [Open 4](#) an online learning platform, hosted by Channel 4.

The training will include:

- An introduction to the genre covering different types of documentaries and styles of shooting.
- Learning how to research ideas, develop and pitch them.
- Script development focusing on structure and story.
- Exploring production roles and a practical exercise to experience the different positions.
- Information, advice and careers guidance.
- Hearing from industry experts and gain access to special events organized by partner organisations

Successful applicants will also benefit from a two-day self-shoot/editing training weekend (18-21 October).

If your application is successful all your travel, accommodation and meals as part of the scheme (including the [Sheffield DocFest](#)), will be paid for by The Grierson Trust.

To apply for a place on this year's Grierson DocLab complete the application and together with a current CV to email to: training@griersontrust.org

The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 3 April 2018, 5pm.**

Shortlisted candidates will be invited by Thursday 19 April to a selection day (Wednesday 25 April), to be held in central Birmingham. All travel expenses and lunch will be covered.

Successful applicants will be notified by Thursday 26 April.

Application Criteria and Eligibility Check:

- You must be aged between 18-25 at the time of applying.
- If you are at college or university, you must be in your final year of study.
- You must be available to attend the selection day on Wednesday 25 April, in central Birmingham.
- Be available to attend all days of the lab (Sunday 20 arriving late afternoon – to the end of Thursday 24 May).
- Be available to attend the Sheffield Documentary Festival between Friday 8 to Monday 11 June.
- Be available for a 2week paid placement at a time to be agreed.

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For enquiries/questions email: training@griersontrust.org

To access the application form, click [HERE](#)

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