

OPEN HORIZONS GUIDELINES

EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITY YOU CAN APPLY FOR:

- Events/Festival attendance – with a significant outcome, i.e. networking leading to personal or project development
- On set or shadowing opportunities – stepping across, for a wider understanding of roles
- Meetings (travel and expenses) – career changing opportunities, i.e. new markets, new connections, or the first opportunity in chosen market
- Travel/expenses/childcare for relevant training – if you're skilled and stepping up, or across departments*
- Memberships – that expand experience or reach

*Please note that these grants cannot be used to pay for training days or courses. For more information on this, contact our skills team at skills@northeastscreen.org

HOW MUCH CAN YOU APPLY FOR?

Emerging:

You have chosen a career path and are progressing towards working full time in your field but may only have 2 or 3 professional credits to your name OR You have a lot of professional experience but are stepping across industries or departments and are less experienced in your new field.

- Accommodation – up to £140 a night
- Childcare – up to £80 a day
- Subsistence – £25 per day
- Travel costs – Standard Class, dependent on location and transport method

Experienced:

You have 4 professional credits to your name or more and/or have been working in the industry full time for several years.

- Accommodation – up to £140 a night
- Childcare – up to £80 a day
- Subsistence – £25 per day
- Travel costs – Standard Class, dependent on location and transport method
- Bespoke/executive coaching – reviewed on a case-by-case basis
- Memberships – reviewed on a case-by-case basis

THINGS YOU MIGHT NEED TO KNOW

Applications will be assessed, and you will hear from us within one month of your application date. Please ensure you complete the application fully, if we must request additional information from you, it may delay your application.

We recommend applying 6 weeks (or more) in advance of any opportunity.

We can issue up to 2 awards per individual per financial year, not exceeding the following amounts:

- Emerging - maximum £1500 total for the year
- Experienced - maximum £3500 total for the year

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN APPLYING

- Have you had a diagnostic meeting with the Talent and Business team?
- What is your experience level?
- Are you 18 or over and not in full time education?
- Can you show that the opportunity fits into one of the three core aims of Open Horizons? Career Changing, Career Development or Career Expansion?
- Can you demonstrate your need for this funding?
- Do you have any barriers to access or inclusion in the industry, e.g. are you part of an underrepresented group? Or have you had difficulties due to where you live?
- Is this opportunity of long-term value to the North East screen industries?

Need to book a diagnostic meeting, or need general advice? Email development@northeastscreen.org