



36TH PALENCIA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM COMPETITION

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

1.- CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

- The Palencia International Film Festival is organized by the **Friends of Cinema Association and the Palencia People's University**.
- It will take place from **February 26 to March 6, 2027**, at the Ortega Cinema, located at 2 Colón Street, Palencia (Spain).

2.- PARTICIPATION

- Participation is open to all filmmakers and producers who submit **internationally produced films**.

3.- REQUIREMENTS

- Films must **not exceed 30 minutes in length**.
- Films with dialogue must be submitted in their original language, **with subtitles in Spanish and/or English**.
- Each participant may submit **as many films as they wish**.
- The production date **must not be earlier than 2025 (inclusive)**, and the short film may not have been submitted to previous editions of the Palencia International Film Festival.
- The filmmakers are **responsible for the rights to their works**.

4.- REGISTRATION AND PRELIMINARY SELECTION

- The submission period runs from the publication of these rules **through November 27, 2026**.
- Each participant may submit their material and upload their short films to the **Movibeta, Festhome, or Clickforfestival** websites by November 27, 2026. To enter a short film in the contest, participants must complete the attached form with the requested information.

5.- SELECTED WORKS

- All participants will be notified of the selected works via email at least three weeks prior to the Festival's start date.
- Films selected for screening during the Festival **must be submitted in DCP format** (with subtitles in Spanish or a list of English subtitles for translation into SRT format) by the date specified by the organization, via a download link provided by the film's legal owner or official distributor.
- The selected works will be screened publicly on the dates designated by the Festival, in accordance with a schedule prepared in advance, on the understanding that the authors or producers of the works, by virtue of their participation, grant authorization for such screenings. The organizers may publish printed material about the works being screened. The authors and/or producers of the short films also authorize the use of an excerpt from the works for broadcast in any media (maximum 1 minute).
- The selected films will be eligible for **the Audience Award as well as the Jury Award**.
- There will be a limited number of short films that, due to their educational content, may be selected and be eligible for the **Children's Audience Award**.
- The organizers will determine the date and order of screening for the films and **undertake not to screen any single title more than six times during the Festival**.

6.- PROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION AGREEMENT WITH THE LEIRIA FILM FESTIVAL (PORTUGAL) AND THE GUADALAJARA UNIVERSITY SHORT FILM FESTIVAL (MEXICO)

- Based on the cultural collaboration agreement established between the PALENCIA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (SPAIN) and the **LEIRIA FILM FESTIVAL (PORTUGAL)**, it is hereby established that the winner of the 2026 edition of the LFF competition will automatically be included on the official list of selections for the International Short Film Competition at the 36th MCIP.
- Based on the cultural collaboration agreement established between the PALENCIA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (SPAIN) and the **GUADALAJARA UNIVERSITY SHORT FILM FESTIVAL, FCU (MEXICO)**, it is established that the winner of the 2026 edition of the FCU competition will automatically be included on the official list of selections for the International Short Film Competition at the 36th MCIP.

7.- AWARD-WINNING WORKS

- The awards ceremony **will take place during the Festival's closing gala, to be held on March 6, 2027**, at the Ortega Cinema in Palencia (Spain).
- The organizers will cover the costs of travel (**from anywhere on the Iberian Peninsula to Palencia**), lodging, and meals for the award winners.

- The winning works grant the Festival the right to screen them—always for exclusively cultural and non-commercial purposes—throughout the year following the Festival during various special events held outside the official week, the sole purpose of which is to promote the Festival. These screenings will always be free of charge to the public.

8.- JURY

- The audience attending the screenings will award the **Audience Award** by voting through a mobile app.
- The **Jury Prize** will be awarded by a jury assembled specifically for this purpose.
- The **children** in the “Cinema and School” section who attend the screenings will award the Children’s Audience Award by voting.

9.- ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES

- The Organization will resolve any questions that may arise, and its decision is final.
- Registration implies acceptance of these rules.

10.- AWARDS

- The following Audience Award is established: **Best International Short Film**, with a prize of 1,000 euros*.
- The following Jury Award is established: **Best International Short Film (Jury Selection)**, with a prize of 1,000 euros*.
- Children’s Audience Award: **Best Short Film**, with a prize of 1,000 euros*.

* The corresponding tax withholding will be applied to this amount by the Tax Agency.

11.- COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION

- All communications regarding these rules can be found on the website [https:// www.palenciamcip.com/](https://www.palenciamcip.com/)
- All dissemination regarding these rules and other information about the MCIP will be carried out through social media:
[FACEBOOK: @mcippalencia](#)
[INSTAGRAM: @muestradecinepalencia](#)
[Linkedin: @https://www.linkedin.com/company/muestra-de-cine-internacional-de-palencia-mcip/](https://www.linkedin.com/company/muestra-de-cine-internacional-de-palencia-mcip/)

For any other information or questions: muestradecinepalencia@gmail.com

12.- POSTPONEMENT OR CHANGE IN FORMAT OF THE ONLINE CONTEST

- The organizers reserve the right to postpone the dates or change the contest format to an online platform, provided that health conditions do not allow the Festival to take place in person as usual.