

How the Bursary and Application Process is Run

1. The initial shortlisting of applications will be done by an awarding committee. The members of the committee are Elaine Bedell (CEO, The Southbank Centre), Jane Root (CEO, Nutopia), Liz Tucker (MD of Verve Productions and Chair of WFTV), Martha Kearney (journalist and broadcaster), Nicola Moody (Executive Producer, Nutopia), Sue Murphy (Head of Factual Entertainment, ITV) and Ben Adler (Pat Llewellyn's husband and business partner at Optomen).
2. If for any reason, any members of the committee are not available to take part in the shortlisting, as long as at least four members have submitted their recommendations, the committee's decision will be binding.
3. The shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by two or three members of the committee to enable them to find out more about each project. The successful candidates will be selected from these interviews.
4. Each successful candidate will then be given a mentor in the genre most suitable for their project. In most cases, this will be a member of the awarding committee but where appropriate a mentor outside of the committee may also be chosen.
5. The bursary runs for one year and at the end of the year, successful candidates will be asked to report back to the committee and give an update on their project. Where appropriate, the candidates may be asked to take part in media interviews and talk about how the bursary has helped them.
6. This year there is £40,000 to be given out to candidates and the committee reserves the right to divide this money up into more or fewer awards, depending on the project submitted. The Welsh government funds one £10,000 bursary which must be given to a Welsh candidate. The remaining broadcaster funding will also include a bursary for one other Welsh candidate. However, if there is ever a year, when there is no suitable Welsh candidate for this broadcaster funding, the committee reserves the right to give the award to another UK candidate.
7. All decisions of the awarding committee are final and no correspondence about applications or the application process will be entered into.