**DOCMARKET FURTHER INFORMATION**

**What is Doc Market?**

Doc Market is an opportunity for filmmakers to meet with top decision makers, international funders, broadcasters, distributors and exhibitors on a one to one basis. Pitches will be selected through an application process and pitching teams will be allocated a specific time slot to meet with appropriate industry professionals.

**Who can apply?**

Doc Market is open to all documentary makers from any country however at least one prior credit is essential.

You must only submit one project submission. Submissions must be made through a production company.

Your project can be at any stage of development.

Projects do not need to have financing already in place but must have a finance plan.

Your Pitch Team can have up to three people and must include the director and producer.

**How do I apply?**

If you would like to apply to pitch a new project in Doc Fest Ireland’s Doc Market in 2019, please complete the online form to register your interest.

We will expect all submissions to submit a 2-3 minute teaser/trailer/excerpt.

**What types of projects can I submit?**

We will only accept one project submission per company.

Submitted projects should be 50+ minutes: feature documentaries, television, series or specialised genres and formats.

Your projects must have international appeal.

**What is the timeline for Doc Market submissions?**

There is a fee of £20 to submit your pitch to DocMarket. As there are a set number of slots available this is a competitive process. Please note - a submission does not mean you are guaranteed a slot.

Submissions Open: Monday 3rd December 2019

Submissions Close: Saturday 30th March 2019

You will receive an automatic email upon receipt of your submission.

Selection: You will hear if you have been selected by Friday 24th May 2019. The Doc Market will take place in June 2019.

Date and venue TBC.

**Project Selection**

This is a competitive process. There are a limited number of spaces within the Doc Market and we anticipate a high number of submissions therefore the panel’s selection decisions are final, and unfortunately we will be unable to provide feedback.

**If our submission is selected, what next?**

You and your pitch team members must each purchase a Gold accreditation pass in order to participate in Doc Market meetings. Up to three people should make up your Pitch Team and include the director and producer.

Visit the **Festival Accreditation** page to find out further information.

You will be contacted by a member of the Doc Fest Ireland team regarding your Doc Market slot and to answer any questions you may have.

Delegates attending the Doc Market will be provided with your submitted pitch materials. You will be given a final opportunity to review your pitch materials, including synopsis and teaser/trailer and any update information about budget and pitch team members.

**Will Doc Fest Ireland contribute towards travel/accommodation costs of attending and participating in the Doc Market?**

All costs relating to travel and accommodation must be covered by the pitch participants themselves. Visit our Belfast Buzz page for information about accommodation and special offers​.

**What if I’m not selected?**

Our full programme of film events, workshops, talks and panel discussions will be available from May 2019.

Within the programme there will be a variety of opportunities to meet with industry professionals and decision makers, including:

* **New Talent Day** - we will hold “Doc Surgeries” for projects in development and hear from filmmakers and decision makers serving the docs community across Ireland and the UK.
* **Industry Panels and Round Tables -** Our industry events explore the state of the documentary industry in Ireland and internationally. We ask the big questions – How Brexit will bite for docs makers? How the Big Beasts of Digital have changed the documentary funding, sales and distribution landscape? and what co-production for documentary looks like now, and how this could change in the future.

Visit our **Festival Accreditation** page for information on what is on offer.

*If you have a question which is not covered above please get in touch by emailing your query to submissions@docfestireland.ie*