

ÉCU – The European Independent Film Festival 2019

**CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

The European Independent Film Festival, one the World's most distinctive independent film festivals, encouraging innovation and creativity and showcasing great films to audiences who appreciate and love independent cinema, announces its call for submissions for 2019.

ÉCU's mantra is to **Discover, Project and Promote the World's Best Independent Films** and we are actively seeking innovative, absorbing and original independent films across our fourteen categories.

For the last 13 years ÉCU has passionately promoted independent filmmaking and has expanded its presence on a global scale with screenings in over 20 countries annually. ÉCU is often referred to as the European equivalent of Sundance, an honour that we don't take lightly.

ÉCU offers independent filmmakers the opportunity to express their cinematic narratives in the most compelling ways possible. Filmmakers who compete in ÉCU's **Official Selection** join an active community of exceptional creatives who continually push the boundaries of cinema.

**Cinema is an art form that can only evolve by being simultaneously nourished and challenged.**

"I had such a great time at the festival. Really, amazing films, interesting filmmakers. It was an inspirational visit for me. Thanks to you all for your enthusiastic and truly supportive organization! You're awesome!" – Martijn Winkler, director of #tagged, winner of Best Director 2018.

The 14th edition of ÉCU will take place on the **5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2019** in Paris, France and will screen about 100 of the very best independent films from around the World. While ÉCU focuses on European talent, it celebrates international filmmakers and hosts several categories dedicated to non-European films.

EUROPEAN CATEGORIES

- Dramatic Feature
- Dramatic Short
- Documentary
- Animated Film
- Music Video
- Experimental Film
- Comedy Film

NON-EUROPEAN CATEGORIES

- Dramatic Feature
- Dramatic Short
- Documentary

WORLDWIDE CATEGORIES

- Student Film
- Arab Special Selection
- Feature Script Competition
- Short Script Competition

Our Call for Submissions for ÉCU 2019 is open. Click [here](#) to submit your film!