



**INTERNATIONAL FEATURE FILM AWARD
SELECTION COMMITTEE GUIDELINES & APPLICATION**

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COMMITTEE CRITERIA

- Per the rules for the International Feature Film category for the 99th Academy Awards® ([located here](#)): "Each country or region shall be invited to submit its best film to the Academy. Selection of that film shall be made by one approved organization, jury or committee, of which at least 50% must include artists and/or craftspeople from the field of motion pictures. A list of the selection committee members must be submitted to the Academy no later than Friday, August 14, 2026, or by the submission deadline published by the Academy."
- Committees must be formed with the majority participation of filmmakers.
- Committees must have a minimum of five members (including the chairperson of the committee). There is no maximum number of members that can serve.
- All committee members must be citizens, residents, or individuals with refugee or asylum status of the representing country or region.
- Committee members cannot have a professional relationship with a film that is considered for official selection.

Per Academy rules, approved committees must resubmit committee information, including any updates or changes of members, every year. Any committee that has not submitted a film in five years must reapply. At that time, a new committee may be created and submitted to the Academy International Feature Film Executive Committee for review and approval. The Academy shall resolve all questions of eligibility and rules.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING TERM LIMITS

Selection committee members (including the chairperson) are required to adhere to the following term limits:

1. Selection committee members (including the chairperson) can serve for six years (consecutive and/or cumulative).
2. After six years, selection committee members (including the chairperson) are required to take a two-year hiatus.

After the two-year hiatus is completed, the term limits will continue cyclically (selection committee members can serve another six years of service, after which they are required to take another mandatory two-year hiatus).

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Committees must also publish their film selection process. The process can be published via social media, a website, or an announcement made through the media. Committees will be required to submit a URL as evidence of the published process, and the published process must include the following:

1. Rules and guidelines pertaining to the formation and operation of the selection committee.
2. Link to the rules for the Academy Awards ([located here](#)).
3. Instructions on how to submit a film for consideration.
4. Contact information for the selection committee (a general email address will suffice).

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Please do not publish the names of selection committee members on social media, URLs, or press releases. Selection committee members must be approved by the Academy before they can serve on the selection committee.
2. Per the Academy's regulations found here: <https://www.oscars.org/legal/regulations>, the Oscars logo, Academy logo, and Oscar statuette may not be incorporated into any selection committee logo or identifying marks. In addition, selection committees may not use the Oscars logo, Academy logo, or Oscar statuette to promote themselves, their activities, or any film selected by the committees.

REQUIRED CONTACT INFORMATION

Please note this information will need to be as permanent as possible to contact the selection committee from year to year. Please do not use the submitter or chairperson's contact information for the selection committee. It should be for the organization rather than a single person.

Please contact InternationalFeature@oscars.org to gain access to update your selection committee information. You will be required to verify and/or update the following information:

Selection Committee

Selection committee

title: Representing

country: Address:

Email:

Selection Committee Chairperson

Name:

Email:

Address:

Phone

number:

You will also be required to submit a list of selection committee members, which includes their names, professional titles, and nationalities/citizenships.

Selection committee information is due by August 14, 2026.