

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

## C-ACCELERATE BRATISLAVA 2026



### SUMMER INCUBATOR FOR CREATIVE AND AUDIOVISUAL INNOVATION

WE INVITE STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES FROM UNIVERSITIES PARTICIPATING IN C-ACCELERATE+ TO APPLY FOR THE C-ACCELERATE INCUBATOR, TAKING PLACE IN BRATISLAVA (SLOVAKIA) IN SUMMER 2026.

C-ACCELERATE IS INCUBATION PROGRAM DESIGNED TO SUPPORT ENTREPRENEURIAL AND CREATIVE SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN THE AUDIOVISUAL AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES. THE PROGRAM CONSISTS OF TWO MODULES – STARTUP AND FILM & TV – AND IS OPEN TO EARLY-STAGE PROJECTS. THE ENTIRE PROGRAM WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH. MENTORS WILL BE SELECTED BASED ON THE FINAL PROJECT LINE-UP TO ENSURE THE MOST RELEVANT AND PERSONALIZED SUPPORT FOR EACH TEAM.

### PROGRAM GOALS

- CONNECT STUDENTS AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS WITH EXPERIENCED CREATIVE INDUSTRY PRACTITIONERS
- STRENGTHEN ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS, CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT, AND PROFESSIONAL READINESS
- PROVIDE MENTORSHIP, WORKSHOPS, MASTERCLASSES, AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES FOR 14 SELECTED PROJECTS
- ENHANCE ENTREPRENEURIAL COMPETENCIES AMONG STUDENTS, LECTURERS, AND STAFF THROUGH TRAINING FOCUSED ON SOFT SKILLS, LEADERSHIP, COMMUNICATION, AND BUSINESS THINKING.

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# PROGRAM STRUCTURE

## 1. STARTUP MODULE (7 PROJECTS)

FOCUS: INNOVATION WITHIN THE CREATIVE INDUSTRY.

### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS INCLUDE:

INNOVATIVE IDEAS, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES CREATED WITHIN THE CREATIVE INDUSTRY – FOR EXAMPLE, AUDIOVISUAL TOOLS OR PLATFORMS, NEW APPROACHES TO FILM AND MEDIA PRODUCTION, INTERACTIVE OR EDUCATIONAL APPLICATIONS, SOCIAL OR BOARD GAMES, OR OTHER CREATIVE PRODUCTS THAT BRING ORIGINAL SOLUTIONS, ENHANCE USER EXPERIENCE, OR EXPAND ACCESS TO CULTURE.

### MENTORSHIP AREAS:

- BUSINESS SOFT SKILLS
- PITCHING AND SALES
- MARKETING AND BRANDING
- DISTRIBUTION STRATEGIES
- INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

**TIMELINE:** 1 WEEK OF ONLINE SESSIONS IN JUNE (FROM 29 JUNE TILL 3 JULY) FOLLOWED BY 3 WEEKS OF ON-SITE ACTIVITIES IN BRATISLAVA (FROM 13 JULY UNTIL 31 JULY).

## 2. FILM & TV MODULE (7 PROJECTS)

FOCUS: EARLY-STAGE DEVELOPMENT FOR FILM AND TELEVISION WORKS.

### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- FEATURE FILMS (FICTION, DOCUMENTARY, ANIMATION, EXPERIMENTAL)
- TV AND ONLINE SERIES (ALL GENRES)
- ALL GENRES AND LENGTHS ARE ACCEPTED.

### MENTORSHIP AREAS:

- CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT
- PRODUCTION DEVELOPMENT
- FINANCING AND CO-PRODUCTION MODELS
- INTERNATIONAL PITCHING
- DISTRIBUTION AND MARKETING

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# ELIGIBILITY

## **APPLICANTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

1. APPLICANTS MUST BE CURRENT BA, MA OR PHD STUDENTS AT ONE OF THE SEVEN C-ACCELERATE+ PARTNER INSTITUTIONS OR GRADUATES WHO COMPLETED THEIR STUDIES WITHIN THE PAST FIVE YEARS (2021) ARE ELIGIBLE.
2. PROJECT CATEGORY: EITHER FILM OR TV PROJECT (ANY GENRE, LENGTH, OR FORM), OR A STARTUP/INNOVATION PROJECT IN THE CREATIVE OR AUDIOVISUAL INDUSTRIES.
3. ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH SELECTED PROJECT MUST BE PRESENT IN BRATISLAVA FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION OF MODULE.

# OUTCOMES

## **EACH PROJECT WILL PROGRESS FROM ITS INITIAL DEVELOPMENT STAGE TO A MORE ADVANCED, STRUCTURED PHASE. EXPECTED OUTCOMES INCLUDE:**

- GAINING NEW BUSINESS SKILLS
- AN IMPROVED PROJECT BASED ON THE MENTORING PROVIDED
- A NEW PITCH DECK
- A PITCHING SESSION INCLUDING ONE-TO-ONE MEETINGS WITH INDUSTRY EXPERTS"

# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

PARTICIPATION IN THE INCUBATOR IS FREE OF CHARGE. FOR EACH SELECTED PROJECT, ONE REPRESENTATIVE WILL RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT COVERING TRAVEL COSTS AND ACCOMMODATION IN BRATISLAVA. ADDITIONAL TEAM MEMBERS MAY ATTEND AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE.



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# LOCATION

ALL ON-SITE ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE AT FILM AND TELEVISION FACULTY, ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS IN BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA (VŠMU).

# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

THE APPLICATION PROCESS WORKS THROUGH AN ONLINE FORM, WHICH CONSISTS OF THE APPLICATION FORM ITSELF AND THE REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS.

## **FILM AND TV MODULE APPLICATION:**

<https://tally.so/r/BzdYJK>

## **STARTUP MODULE APPLICATION:**

<https://tally.so/r/q4GLpY>

# SELECTION PROCESS

AFTER THE SUBMISSION PHASE, EACH UNIVERSITY WILL PRE-SELECT FOUR PROJECTS. THE SELECTION COMMITTEE WILL THEN CHOOSE THE FINAL 14 PROJECTS (SEVEN STARTUP PROJECTS AND SEVEN FILM AND TV PROJECTS) THAT WILL PARTICIPATE IN C-ACCELERATE.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA:**

- ORIGINALITY AND CLARITY OF CONCEPT
- CAPACITY FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT
- SUITABILITY FOR THE INCUBATOR
- COMMITMENT AND MOTIVATION OF THE APPLICANT
- MARKET POTENTIAL

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# TIMELINE

- **CALL OPENS:** 26 JANUARY 2026
- **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** 20 FEBRUARY 2026
- **SELECTION RESULTS:** MARCH 2026

**PROGRAM DATES:** JUNE - AUGUST 2026:

**1 WEEK OF ONLINE SESSIONS FOR BOTH MODULES:**

- 29 JUNE - 3 JULY 2026

**3 WEEKS ON-SITE INCUBATOR:**

- **START-UP MODULE:** 13 JULY - 31 JULY 2026
- **FILM & TV MODULE:** 2 AUGUST - 21 AUGUST 2026

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