

ÉCU – The European Independent Film Festival 2018  
**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 2018.

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 12 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'm honoured to be amongst such crafted filmmakers...such wonderful people."* – Daniela Leitner, director of LATE SEASON, winner of Best European Independent Animated Film 2017.

The 13th edition of ÉCU will take place on the **4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2018** 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 & Short Script Competition

Our Call for Submissions for ÉCU 2018 is open. Click [here](#) to submit your film!