

FOUNDING DEAN FOR THE INSTITUTE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENTERTAINMENT AND ELECTRONIC ARTS (IDEEA)

“Embracing a complex present preparing for a complex future”

IDEEA invites nominations and applications for the position of Founding Dean of the Institute for the Development of Entertainment and Electronic Arts (IDEEA). With the participation of Enterprise Malta, the Maltese Government, and Entertainment Industry Professionals including Palm D’Or winning, and twice Oscar nominated director Roland Joffe, IDEEA intends to establish a first-class English language film institute to rival Europe’s best-known film schools. IDEEA has signed agreements with the University of North Carolina, the University of Malta, National University, and Portugal’s Universidad Lusofona to help create and sustain this exciting endeavor. IDEEA has applied to host EU sponsored students in the summer of 2020 and will enroll its first class in the fall of 2020. The Founding Dean will have an extraordinary opportunity to build a remarkable film academy from the ground up, utilizing the resources and processes from its partner Universities, local capital, and cooperation from the Maltese Government.

It is planned that the Institute, in conjunction with its partner Universities offers students a three - year Bologna BA with the University of Malta and the possibility of a joint four - year degree with the University of North Carolina

IDEEA envisions creating a distinctive syllabus, including the Humanities and International Relations as well as a thorough grounding in the fundamentals of movie making for various platforms.

It will be a feature of IDEEA to admit students from areas of global and local conflict, enabling students from both sides of those divides to work together as teams on developing and making film projects and other assignments. Character building, communication and fostering wide ranging curiosity will be central features of the Institute’s curriculum.

IDEEA will also provide some content online in order to make the unique offerings of the Institute accessible to as many students as possible.

The Island of Malta offers a beautiful Mediterranean location in an EU recognized cultural center, an entrepreneurial approach to new curricular and co-curricular development, a talented and committed creative community, and a thriving film and television production industry. The school is currently housed in an important historical center in Malta’s capital, Valletta, and will play a significant role in Malta’s production industry and the Valletta Film Festival.

Malta’s unique history entwines many different groups and cultural strands, including Classical Greece and Rome, the Knights of Malta, the Ottoman Turks, the Italians, the French, the British, and now an Independent government that is part of the European Union. Mythical and historical individuals such Odysseus and John the Baptist have had their Maltese episodes as well. Malta

has a rich architectural heritage with an emphasis on the Baroque period. With easy proximity to Europe, Northern Africa, and the Middle East, faculty and students will find the location both inspiring and conveniently modern.

The Founding Dean of IDEEA will be appointed by and report to a founding president, a Chairman, and a Board of Directors. She/He will have an opportunity to articulate a clear vision for the Institute while completing the development of an overall mission and strategic plan. The Founding Dean will build a quality program and will identify and build distinctive attributes to position the Institute competitively in the global marketplace. The Founding Dean will be encouraged to take calculated risks while being anticipatory and proactive in identifying issues that may arise for the Institute as film arts education evolves. The Founding Dean is expected to collaborate with faculty and partner Universities to build a school with a strong liberal arts foundation and an imaginative and comprehensive film and communication syllabus with an emphasis on the future of filmmaking.

Candidates must possess at least 5 years of experience at the Dean level or other commensurate experience at a previous institution. She/He should have extensive knowledge and experience of traditional academic best practices while understanding that IDEEA is an Entrepreneurial endeavor. IDEEA is looking for the right candidate who is experienced, ambitious, and flexible.

The Search Committee will begin reviewing candidates immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Nominations and applications should be submitted electronically as soon as possible. Applications should include a letter of candidacy that responds to the agenda for leadership, the desired attributes for the Founding Dean, and a complete résumé or curriculum vitae. All application materials will be considered in full confidence and should be submitted electronically.

To make a nomination, or express interest, all confidential communications may be directed to Jon Katzman at jkatzman1@gmail.com