



BRITISH ACADEMY  
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New York

MEDIA STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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BAFTA New York's Media Studies Scholarship Program is one of the cornerstones of BAFTA's initiatives to celebrate and develop talent, providing an important link between the entertainment industry and educational institutions.

The BAFTA New York Media Studies Scholarship Program launched in the Fall of 2012 with four scholarships to students enrolled in the Film and Media Studies Department of Hunter College.

Over the past five years, the program has grown to include MFA students at NYU Tisch School of the Arts, the Department of Television and Radio at Brooklyn College, as well as Brooklyn College's Feirstein Graduate School of Cinema, and the Film Department of City College of New York.

Scholars have gone on to work on productions such as *Madam Secretary* (CBS), *Master of None* (Netflix) and *Crashing* (HBO).

2017-2018 Scholar Kevin Wilson Jr.'s film, *My Nephew Emmett*, was nominated in the Best Live Action Short Film category at the 2018 Academy Awards. Scholars' films have been featured in numerous festivals including the Berlinale, the Los Angeles International Film Festival, the Toronto International Film Festival, Sundance and SXSW.

- All scholarships are awarded on the basis of need and merit, with an emphasis on diversity.
- BAFTA New York works together with the universities to select the best and most deserving scholars.
- University faculty and administration recommend a short list of outstanding film and media students who submit biographies, personal essays and work samples for selection by the BAFTA New York Educational Outreach Committee.

*Scholars Kevin Wilson Jr. and Tukei Peter Muhumuza, with Andrew Uriarte, Assistant Dean, External Affairs NYU Tisch School of the Arts*





Viola Davis at the 2017 Film Awards



Mary J. Blige, Carey Mulligan, Jason Mitchell  
at the New York screening of MUDBOUND

## WHY BAFTA?

### BEYOND THE MASK

BAFTA shines a spotlight on the most influential cultural touchpoints – film, games and television – and facilitates access to excellent work in these art forms, for both audiences and creators.

#### **BAFTA inspires discovery**

We showcase creativity that can inspire everyone, helping people to discover their talent, the range of opportunities in our industries, or simply discover their next favourite film, game or television show.

#### **BAFTA creates opportunity**

We support talented individuals to achieve their full potential, regardless of their background or circumstances. Through our membership, we are a portal to expert insights, supporting the next generation of talent.

#### **BAFTA champions excellence**

We champion creative and cultural excellence by celebrating and elevating the best British and international talent and showcasing it to the world through our awards and learning activity.

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creativity, BAFTA makes great  
work accessible to all – opening  
a door to those wanting to  
discover and be inspired.”

HRH The Duke of Cambridge, KG  
President of the Academy



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## MENTORING AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES



BAFTA New York's 'What's Next ... After Graduation' event

BAFTA New York views the scholarships as more than financial support. We seek to encourage a strong relationship with the scholars and their sponsors and truly welcome them to the BAFTA New York family.

Scholars have access to BAFTA New York's renowned program of industry screenings with Q&As, masterclasses, conversations with leading industry creatives and other professional development events. We also ensure scholars are able to take advantage of networking and learning opportunities.

Our popular annual 'What's Next ... After Graduation?' panel provides an opportunity for students to receive guidance and practical advice from industry experts, covering topics such as preparing resumes, interview techniques, and making contacts. After the panel and Q&A, the students put those skills into practice, networking with the panelists and BAFTA members.

“ *My BAFTA scholarship was what led me to my first internship after grad school at AMC Networks ... I met people through my scholarship who saw my work and believed in my potential and were generous enough to give me a shot.* ”



Stephen Lorusso (2014-2015)

## OUR SCHOLARS



“ BAFTA New York has given me the opportunity to learn more about the process of filmmaking through Q&As from a large variety directors and public figures.

*I also received valuable information from panels discussing navigating the film industry post graduation. Lastly, with the HBO scholarship not only did it contribute in furthering my education, it also supported me in working on my feature film script thesis based on my Award winning short film. Thank you BAFTA New York!* ”

Rashad Frett (2018-2019)

“ Becoming a part of the BAFTA family was special to me; not only for the monetary gain but the networking and knowledge. I'm forever thankful for this program .... In fact, since receiving the award I haven't stopped working! ”



Sidnei Afari (2016-2017)

“ Since receiving the BAFTA NY Scholarship I have made two short films that have both played worldwide and given me the first taste of the festival circuit. I am currently gearing up to shoot my thesis film in North Wales in late June, a project that was chosen as one of sixteen by the NISI MASA European Short Pitch Program. I am forever thankful of the continuing support of BAFTA. ”



Rhys M Jones (2016-2017)



## OUR PARTNERS

“Since 2013, DLT Entertainment has supported the BAFTA New York Scholarship Program. Over the years we have met many fine young students and are proud to be able to help them through their educational journey and as they prepare for their careers in media.”



Donald Taffner Jr  
President

“BAFTA scholarships are a meaningful way to invest in new talent and contribute to the community. DreamWorks is so proud of the students we have sponsored over the years.”



Doug Schwalbe  
Senior Vice President, International Co-Production

“Discovery Inc. is pleased and proud to have been a part of this terrific BAFTA Scholarship Program. Recognizing and growing best-in-class talent is at the core of who we are as a company, and we hope that one day these gifted young filmmakers are producing stellar content for us.”



Sara Kozak  
Senior Vice President Production

PARTNERS SINCE PROGRAM INCEPTION



THE JOHN GRIST  
documentary  
scholarship

THE TAFFNER FAMILY  
CHARITABLE TRUST



MICHELE SPITZ  
*Woman  
OF HER Word*  
I VOICE YOUR CAUSE

## ABOUT BAFTA

The **British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA)** is a world-leading independent arts charity that brings the very best work in film, games and television to public attention and supports the growth of creative talent in the UK and internationally. Through its Awards ceremonies and year-round programme of learning events and initiatives – which includes workshops, masterclasses, scholarships, lectures and mentoring schemes in the UK, USA and Asia – BAFTA identifies and celebrates excellence, discovers, inspires and nurtures new talent, and enables learning and creative collaboration. For advice and inspiration from the best creative minds in working in film, games and television, visit [www.bafta.org/guru](http://www.bafta.org/guru). For more, visit [www.bafta.org](http://www.bafta.org)

**BAFTA New York** carries the Academy's mission forward on the Atlantic Coast through its commitment to the film, television and documentary communities. Its activities include screenings, In Conversation series, masterclasses, Q&As and panels focusing on industry trends in film, television and multimedia. BAFTA New York's educational outreach supports underserved youth in New York City and includes the BAFTA New York Media Studies Scholarship Program, which was established to support students pursuing media studies at undergraduate and graduate level institutions within the New York City area. [www.bafta.org/new-york](http://www.bafta.org/new-york)

Based in London, BAFTA has branches in New York, Los Angeles, Scotland and Wales, and has over 6,500 international members.

BAFTA New York is a 501 ( c )3 non-profit corporation and relies on income from membership subscriptions, individual donations, trusts, foundations and corporate partnerships to support its ongoing work.

For more information on the BAFTA New York Media Studies Scholarship Program, please visit the [BAFTA New York Media Studies Scholarship Program](#) page on our website or contact us at [membershipny@bafta.org](mailto:membershipny@bafta.org).



Scholars Shannan Shaughnessy, Khaula Malik and Shannon Ryan