

REGULATIONS — LABDOC 2026

7th Edition

Screenwriting Residency for Creative Documentary Features

Article 1 — General Presentation

The **LabDoc** is a residency program dedicated to the development of a **first or second creative documentary feature film**, organized by **Meditalents**, a non-profit association based in Marseille, France.

The residency welcomes **8 writers or filmmakers from the Mediterranean region**, who will benefit from several months (April to September 2026) of guidance from **professionals in screenwriting and filmmaking**.

The aim of the LabDoc is to help participants develop a **complete and coherent narrative treatment** for their documentary project.

The program alternates between:

- **Collective writing sessions in residence;**
 - **Individual follow-up meetings;**
 - **Encounters with industry professionals and masterclasses.**
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Article 2 — Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a **national or resident of a Mediterranean country**;
2. Have a **first or second creative documentary feature project** in development;
3. Have a **good command of French and/or English**;
4. Be **available for the entire duration of the program (April to October 2026)**;
5. **Not participate in any other residency, training, or development program** during this period, in order to ensure full commitment to the LabDoc;
6. In the case of co-writing, **Meditalents will only cover the costs of one author per project**;
7. **There is no age limit** for applicants.

Selected participants agree to:



- **Read and comment** on the projects of other residents;
- **Attend all sessions in person** and actively participate in the program;
- **Comply with the schedule and guidelines** established by the Méditalents team.

Article 3 — Structure of the Residency

The program includes:

- **Two in-person writing sessions** (April and October), held in Méditalents' partner locations, conducted in French or English;
- **One online intersession**, held between the two residencies;
- **Personalized mentoring** provided by a main tutor, supported by additional professional advisors for each session;
- **A final presentation day**, during which participants will pitch their projects to invited industry professionals, followed by one-on-one meetings.

The sessions combine:

- Collective workshops;
- Individual writing time;
- One-on-one mentoring;
- Masterclasses.

Failure to attend the first session or unjustified absence from any session will result in **immediate exclusion from the program**.

Article 4 — Application Procedure

Applications must be submitted **no later than December 30, 2025**, through the **online form** available at www.meditalents.net.

Applications sent outside of this form will **not be considered**.

Each application must be submitted as a **single PDF document**, written in **French or English**, and must include the following materials:

1. **Logline** (2–3 lines)
2. **Synopsis** (maximum 1 page)
3. **Treatment or detailed summary** (maximum 10 pages), describing the dramatic structure, main characters, and narrative progression
4. **Director's or writer's statement** (motivation, artistic intentions, writing challenges, and expectations from the residency)
5. **Complete CV** (including contact details, address of residence, and date of birth)



6. **Visual or additional materials** (moodboard, letters of recommendation, etc.)
7. **Viewing links** to previous works
8. **One royalty-free photo** (minimum 72 dpi; JPEG format)
9. **Producer's contact details** (if a producer is already attached to the project)

⚠ Any incomplete or late application will be **considered ineligible**.

Article 5 — Selection Process

Projects will be reviewed by a **Selection Committee** composed of **film professionals, screenwriters, producers, and directors**.

Results will be communicated via email to the address provided in the application form.

The committee's decision is **final and cannot be appealed**.

Article 6 — Participation Fees and Financial Conditions

Selected authors must pay a **participation fee of €500 per project**, due after confirmation of selection (by the author or the producer).

These fees must be paid **no later than the first day of the first session**.

Failure to pay within the deadline will result in **exclusion from the program**.

Meditalents may collaborate with any **institutional partner proposed by the selected participant** to facilitate the payment of these fees.

Meditalents will cover:

- **Accommodation** (ONLY for participants traveling from outside the host city, Marseille);
- **Lunches** during sessions (evening meals remain at the participant's expense);
- **Round-trip travel** (train or plane, economy fare, excluding checked baggage) from the address stated in the application to the residency venue — either directly or via a **mobility fund** or **institutional partner**.

Once tickets have been issued, **any change in itinerary or schedule** will be at the participant's **own logistical and financial responsibility**.

Participants must hold **personal health and liability insurance** covering the duration of the program.



Article 7 — Commitments of Participants

Participants agree to:

- **Attend all in-person sessions** of the residency and be available online for the intersession;
- **Not engage in any other program, workshop, shoot, or professional commitment** that could interfere with their participation or progress during the residency;
- **Authorize Meditalents to communicate** internally and externally about their participation;
- **Acknowledge Meditalents and LabDoc** on all communication materials related to their project, using the following mention:

“Project developed with the support of Meditalents – LabDoc 2026”
accompanied by the official Meditalents logo (which must not be altered in any way).

If the text credit cannot be included for layout reasons, **the logo alone must appear**.

Each participant must also comply with **the internal charter of Meditalents**, which includes rules on collective life, confidentiality, and mutual respect.

Article 8 — Personal Data

All information collected as part of the application process is used exclusively by **Meditalents** for administrative and selection purposes.

In accordance with data protection regulations, applicants have the right to **access, correct, or delete their personal data** by sending a request to:

✉ contact@meditalents.net

Article 9 — Prevention and Management of Violence, Harassment, and Sexist or Discriminatory Behavior (VHSS)

Meditalents enforces a **strict zero-tolerance policy** against any form of **violence, harassment (moral or sexual), discrimination, or sexist behavior**.

All residents, mentors, and staff members are expected to maintain a **respectful, safe, and inclusive working environment**.

- Meditalents adheres to its internal **VHSS Charter**, aligned with the **Collectif 50/50** and **CNC** guidelines.



- Any reported incident will be handled **confidentially** by the designated VHSS representative, who may escalate the matter to the management team or relevant authorities if necessary.
- In confirmed cases, **Meditalents reserves the right to immediately exclude** the person concerned from the residency, without refund or compensation.

A copy of the **VHSS Charter** will be sent to all residents and tutors before the start of the program.

It must be read and signed by each of them.

Failure to accept the VHSS Charter constitutes grounds for exclusion.

Article 10 — Acceptance of the Regulations

Participation in the LabDoc implies **full and unconditional acceptance** of the present regulations.

Any breach of these provisions may result in **exclusion from the program**, without reimbursement of participation fees.