

LABDOC 2027 RULES AND REGULATIONS

8th edition

Writing residency for feature-length documentary films

Article 1 — General presentation

LabDoc is a writing residency supporting the development of a **first or second feature-length creative documentary**, organised by **Meditalents**, a non-profit association (French law of 1901) based in Marseille.

The residency is open to **8 authors from the Mediterranean region**, who will receive **support over several months** from **writing professionals, filmmakers and screenwriters**. The aim of LabDoc is to enable participants to develop a **complete and fully realised narrative treatment** of their film.

The programme combines:

- **Collective writing sessions** in residence;
- **Individual mentoring**;
- **Meetings with film professionals** and **masterclasses**.

Article 2 — Eligibility

Screenwriters must meet the following conditions:

1. Reside in and/or be a national of one of the **Mediterranean countries**;
2. Be working on a **first or second feature-length documentary project**;
3. Have a **good command of English**, in order to communicate with the advisors in either language;
4. Where two people are working on a project together, **only one of them will be covered by Meditalents**;
5. Applications are eligible whether or not the project is backed by a production company.

Selected participants are **required to read the other participants' projects**.

Article 3 — Organisation of the residency

The programme includes:

- **2 in-person writing sessions**;
- **1 remote intersession**;
- **Personalised support**: one advisor follows the project holders throughout the year, while the other advisors may vary.

The **8 project holders** are selected by a committee of professionals.

Between in-person sessions, participants must make progress on their screenplay before the next session. For this purpose they benefit from an **individual remote progress meeting** with the professionals supporting them.

Failure to attend the first session and/or an **unjustified absence** from any of the other sessions may be **grounds for exclusion**.

Article 4 — Application procedure

The call for projects is **open from 1 November to 31 December 2026**. Applications must be submitted **no later than 31 December 2026 at 11:59 pm** via the **online form** available on the website www.meditalents.net.

No application submitted outside the dedicated form will be considered.

Each application must be submitted as a **single PDF document** written in **French and/or English**, not exceeding **10 pages in total, all items included**, and must contain the following items:

1. **Short synopsis** (500 characters maximum);
2. **Long synopsis** presenting the story, its structure, its characters and its genre;
3. **Author's background file**: free form, in which the author may speak about their life or the project as they wish, and explain **why they are applying to this residency now and why this project**;
4. **CV** including the applicant's **contact details and single address of residence**, their **date of birth** and the **viewing links to previous films and work**;
5. **Royalty-free photo** (minimum 72 DPI; JPG);
6. **Producer's presentation and contact details**, if a producer is attached to the project.

Please note: any incomplete or non-compliant application, or any application submitted after the deadline, will be **considered ineligible**.

Article 5 — Selection

Projects will be reviewed by a **Selection Committee made up of film professionals**.

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

The committee's decision is **final, unexplained and not open to appeal**.

Article 6 — Registration fees and financial conditions

Selected authors will pay a **participation fee of €500** per project, payable once their selection is confirmed. The participation fee must be paid **before the 1st day of the 1st session**. **Failure to pay the participation fee within the time allowed is grounds for exclusion from the programme**.

Meditalents will work with any institutional partner, at the initiative of the selected author, to facilitate payment of the participation fee.

Meditalents covers:

- **Accommodation** (only for participants coming from outside the host city of the residency, Marseille);
- **Lunches** for participants during the sessions;
- **Return flight or train tickets** from the **declared place of residence** (economy fare, excluding checked baggage), covered by Meditalents, one of its partners, or a **mobility body or fund** from which the participant must first request support.

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

Article 7 — Commitments of selected participants

Selected participants undertake to:

- Be **present in person at all sessions** of the residency, and be available remotely for the **progress meetings**;
- Not be engaged in any other programme, workshop, shoot or event likely to hinder their participation or the progress of the work required by the residency;
- Allow Meditalents to communicate, internally and externally, about the resident's participation;
- **Credit Meditalents and LabDoc** on all communication materials for the project:
"Project supported by Meditalents – LabDoc 2027", together with the Meditalents logo, which will be provided to selected residents.

If, for layout reasons, the text cannot appear on the project's communication materials, the logo must still be shown. The logo must not be altered in any way.
- Comply with the rules of **communal life, confidentiality and mutual respect** set out in Meditalents' internal charter.

Article 8 — Personal data

The information collected as part of the application is intended exclusively for the Meditalents association for the processing of applications.

In accordance with applicable law, each applicant has the **right to access, rectify and delete** their personal data on simple request to: contact@meditalents.net.

Article 9 — Prevention and handling of violence, harassment and sexist behaviour (VHSS)

Meditalents applies a **strict policy** against all forms of **violence, moral or sexual harassment, discrimination or sexist behaviour**.

Every resident, advisor or team member undertakes to behave respectfully and to contribute to a **healthy, supportive and inclusive** working environment.

- Meditalents relies on the **VHSS Charter** adopted by the association and aligns with the principles of the **Collectif 50/50** and the **CNC**.

- Any incident must be reported **confidentially** to the VHSS officer appointed by Meditalents, who may, depending on severity, refer the matter to management and the competent authorities.
- In the event of a proven breach, **Meditalents reserves the right to immediately exclude** the person concerned from the residency, without refund or compensation.

A VHSS Charter will be sent to all residents and advisors before they join the programme. It must be read and approved by each of them. Failure to accept the VHSS Charter is grounds for exclusion from the programme.

Article 10 — Acceptance of the rules

Participation in LabDoc implies **full and unreserved acceptance of these rules**.

Any breach of these provisions may result in **exclusion from the programme**, without refund of the registration fee.



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