



## AIM HIGH FAQs

### **When can I apply for Aim High 2017?**

Applications open on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and will close at 5pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017.

### **When does Aim High commence and how long does it run for?**

Aim High starts August 2017 and runs for 18 months until the end of February 2019.

### **Do I have to be from the UK to apply?**

Applicants must either be an EU citizen or possess a current UK Tier 1 General Visa which entitles the holder to take up full time employment.

### **Do I have to be a student/have a degree or any qualifications?**

Aim High is open to everyone over 18, regardless of educational background. We are interested in your potential and passion.

### **I am not at college/university now – but am starting or thinking of starting in autumn 2015, can I still apply?**

Please only apply if you are not going to be in full-time education in autumn 2017.

### **I am still at college/university – can I apply?**

You can apply if you are in your final year of college or university and are available to attend the assessment centre, boot camp and can start your placements in October.

### **I'm 17. Can I apply?**

You can apply if you are 17 but you MUST have turned 18 by 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

### **Is there an age limit?**

No. If you're looking to change careers we want to hear from you too.

### **Can I apply if I have been previously unsuccessful?**

Yes.

### **I want to be a presenter- will going on Aim High help?**

No. Aim High is about finding talented people who want to be a TV producer. Please do not apply if presenting is your career goal.

### **I want to be a camera operator/editor/sound mixer– will going on Aim High help?**

No. Aim High is about finding talented people who want to be a TV producer. Please do not apply if you want to work in a craft/technical role.

**I want to be a production manager/production coordinator– will going on Aim High help?**

No. Aim High is about finding talented people who want to be a TV producer. Please do not apply if you want to work in a production support role.

**Do I need experience of working in the TV industry?**

No, Aim High is open to anyone aged 18+ who is passionate about TV and is aimed at those who have no professional experience. We select trainees purely on the responses to the online application form and their performance during the assessment centre and interview. We are looking for people with an enthusiasm and demonstrable interest in working in TV. However, previous industry experience will not hinder your application; all applicants will be treated equally.

**What type of projects will I be working on during Aim High?**

Aim high trainees will work on a range of projects during their placements from local, national and international television projects as well as shorter form digital projects for online platforms.

**When will I hear if I have been successful or not?**

You will find out on the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> June if you have made it through to the assessment / interview stage.

**Where will the assessments take place?**

The assessments will take place in Belfast (venue to be confirmed).

**When will the assessments take place?**

The assessments will take place on the week commencing 3rd July.

**Who will be assessing me?**

Applicants will be assessed by representatives from local independent production companies, Northern Ireland Screen and BBC Northern Ireland.

**What are the assessors looking for?**

They are looking for creativity, passion and a keen interest in the television industry.

**When will I know if I have been successful after assessment?**

If you secure a place on the scheme we will let you know by the end of the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> June.

**What is boot camp and what happens there?**

Boot camp is 2 weeks of residential (NI based), intensive training to prepare you for starting your placements. You'll be introduced to the craft of storytelling through practical exercises and masterclasses delivered by industry professionals. You'll also spend time team building and working on group projects.

**When does boot camp happen?**

Boot camp takes place 24<sup>th</sup> July – 6<sup>th</sup> August.

**Will I get paid whilst attending boot camp?**

Yes, you will be paid minimum wage whilst attending boot camp.

**Do I get to choose the companies I get placed with?**

No, we will select which companies you will be placed with.

**How long does each placement last?**

Each placement lasts 4 months. Occasionally we will extend a placement to a maximum of 6 months if we feel by staying it would benefit both the trainee and the placement company to finish a project they are working on.

**Who are the mentors?**

The mentors are experienced and influential professionals who work in the local screen industry.

**Will I get a job at the end of it?**

We cannot promise that – but you will definitely be meeting key decision makers within the industry in Northern Ireland. If you stand out and impress them, they might offer you a contract at the end of your training. TV is a notoriously difficult industry to get into, so getting that foot in the door and making contacts really helps.