



MiniGame FAQ

When can I apply for MiniGame?

Applications open now and will close at 5pm on **Thursday 4th August**.

When does MiniGame commence and how long does it run for?

MiniGame starts on **Monday 26th September 2022** and runs for up to 6 months until **Friday 24th February 2023**.

How much funding is available?

Companies may be awarded up to £25,000 in funding across the **MiniGame** programme. This is dependent on meeting agreed milestones.

How long will Mini Game companies have access to The Pixel Mill?

MiniGame companies will have access to facilities and mentors at the Pixel Mill during the programme.

Does Northern Ireland Screen take any ownership of IP created during MiniGame?

The terms of the funding provided through **MiniGame** is Northern Ireland Screen's standard development funding agreement terms. Northern Ireland Screen takes a recoupment position once a game is launched. Northern Ireland Screen will not take equity in a company.

We have a company and want to apply but don't want to work out of The Pixel Mill?

Companies accepted onto **MiniGame** will be provided with desk space at The Pixel Mill but do not need to base themselves out of The Pixel full time. However, there will be an expectation that companies will need to attend certain workshops/meetings in person.

My company is not based in Northern Ireland, can I still apply for MiniGame?

Yes, however your team members need to be resident in Northern Ireland.

For companies relocating to Northern Ireland will Northern Ireland Screen provide any support?

Northern Ireland Screen will not be providing any relocation support for companies moving to Northern Ireland.

I am an individual developer, can I apply?

MiniGame is aimed at video game companies. The company must consist of at least 2 team members committed to participating in the full length of the programme. However, Northern Ireland Screen has development funding opportunities which may be more suitable. Please contact Rory Clifford, Interactive Manager by email at rory@northernireland.co.uk.

Our company has an idea for a game already, can we apply with it?

Companies may have an idea for a game before joining **MiniGame** however all companies are expected to take part in each stage.

If companies have an idea for a video game and are interested in development funding please contact Rory Clifford, Interactive Manager by email at roryclifford@northernireland.co.uk.

We are a student/graduate team, can we still apply?

Graduate teams that are not in full-time education can apply for **MiniGame**.

I'm not interested in MiniGame but like to be able to work out of The Pixel Mill. Is that possible?

Yes, however desk space within The Pixel Mill is limited and requests are dealt with on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested in learning more click here or contact Rory Clifford, Interactive Manager by email at roryclifford@northernireland.co.uk.

What will the company be expected to deliver by the end of MiniGame?

It is expected that companies will have at least self-published their completed game on the platform of their choice by **Friday 24th February 2023**. However, there are a number of milestones/deliverables during the course of the programme, relative to each stage.

When will we hear if our application has been successful or not?

You will find out by **Monday 8th August 2022** if you have made it through to the interview stage.

Where will the interviews take place?

The interviews will either take place at the Northern Ireland Screen offices in Belfast or online via a Zoom call.

When will the interviews take place?

The interviews will take place on **Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th August 2022**.

Who will be on the interview panel?

Applicants will be assessed by Northern Ireland Screen team and mentors from The Pixel Mill.

What is Northern Ireland Screen looking for?

We are looking for new teams that have a passion for the video games industry, the ability to generate ideas and the ambition to run a video games studio.