

2026 Vincent Burke Scholarship

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Supporting the next generation
of screen producers

ENTRIES OPEN: 9:00 AM, Monday 16 February 2026

ENTRIES CLOSE: 5:00 PM, Monday 23 March 2026

The Vincent Burke Scholarship (the “Scholarship”) is designed to support an emerging producer in advancing their projects, company, and career with a grant of \$5,000.

This Scholarship recognises the creativity, innovation, and commitment of up-and-coming New Zealand producers, by providing the recipient with the resources to take the next step in their career or business, whether that be traveling to an international market or investing in business development.

Application criteria

Applicants for the 2026 Vincent Burke Scholarship must:

- be a New Zealand resident
- have one or more projects in development
- have a producer credit on at least one completed project (film/TV/online)
- not hold a producer credit on any completed feature film or series project with episodes longer than 15 minutes in duration*. (**Applicants may have a feature/series project over 15 minutes duration in development, but it must not be in production prior to the Scholarship presentation.*)
- be available to act as an ambassador for Spada and the wider industry
- utilise the prize within 18 months
- provide Spada with a summary of the Scholarship experience upon completion

Judging process

All applications will be checked to confirm they meet the Application Criteria prior to judging.

A panel of judges will be appointed to assess the Applications, comprised of screen industry practitioners alongside Spada staff and Executive.

The Judges’ decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

The recipient of the 2026 Vincent Burke Scholarship will be announced in mid-April 2026.

2026 Vincent Burke Scholarship Entry Form

Nominee

Name	
Company	
Address	
City	
Tel	
Mob	
Email	

To enter

To apply, complete this entry form and submit it along with a PDF or Word document with the following supporting information:

- Filmography which demonstrates the applicant's work and satisfies the 'Emerging Producer' criteria (including links where available)
- 500 words explaining why the applicant would exemplify the Scholarship's goal of recognising the creativity, innovation, and dedication to their role as an Emerging Producer
- 500 words on the applicant's contribution to the screen production industry to date (may include details of other roles in the sector)
- Details of how the Scholarship will help to progress the applicant's project, business, and/or producing career.
- Written reference/s

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Please send your completed entry form by email to comms@spada.co.nz

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QUESTIONS? Email comms@spada.co.nz for more information.