

STUDENT PITCH 2026

REGISTRATION & RULES

(Graduation films)

1. General terms and conditions

Key dates

- Applications open: January 2026
- Closing date for applications: 31 March 2026 (23:59 local time)
- Announcement of selected projects: 30 April 2026
- Student pitch: Tuesday 23 June from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Registration fees

- Free registration
- 500€ excluding VAT per selected participating school

Questions – information

- Contact studentpitch@annecyfestival.com

2. Registration conditions

- Only national and international professional animation schools may apply
- 10 schools will be selected
- Schools may submit only one project (a team of no more than 2 students)
- If a school submits more than one project, only the first project submitted will be considered
- The project can be a graduation film in development or completed in the course of the year
- Schools are responsible for submitting and sending the project of their choice
- The visual presentation deck must be in PDF format and no longer than 10 pages
- Trailers, mood boards or animatics are not permitted in order to focus on the pitching exercise

3. Authorisation to broadcast

By accepting these rules, you authorise CITIA to reproduce and distribute, free of charge, on all its communication media, the graphic and audiovisual elements (trailer, teaser, pilot) supplied by you when you registered. And as part of its mission to preserve cinematographic heritage, CITIA will archive these same elements.

4. Selection results

Only entries that comply with the conditions set out in these rules will be submitted to a jury made up of two members of CITIA and two professional partners of the Festival and Mifa. The deliberations will take place in April and the results will be announced by email as soon as possible, before the end of April.

The schools selected will be required to pay €500 excluding VAT (VAT applicable according to regulations). An invoice will be sent to them once their selection has been confirmed. Selection will not be final until payment has been received.

An email will also be sent to schools whose applications have not been selected.

5. Participation in the Student Pitch in Annecy

- The CITIA team will not be responsible for students' travel, accommodation or accreditation in Annecy
- The schools are responsible for and guarantee the accreditation and physical presence in Annecy of the students selected
- The Student Pitch will take place at the Campus Mifa, located in the Belle-Etoile car park.

6. Student Pitch

- The duration of each pitch is limited to 10 minutes
- The language used for the presentation is English
- A visual presentation deck is recommended, but not compulsory. The maximum number of slides is 10, in PDF format
- In order to focus on the pitching exercise, trailers, moodboards or animatics are not permitted
- Mifa won't provide any preparation or coaching before the pitch
- Each pitch is followed by 5 minutes of feedback from two professionals. The emphasis is on mastering the art of pitching rather than on the content itself
- The Student Pitch is an event included in the Mifa program, open to accredited Mifa, Students and Festival, subject to availability
- Students and teachers must remain in the room for the duration of the event