



Film Submission FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

1) What is the AniMela-AMS Festival?

The second edition of the AniMela-AMS Festival will take place from **6 - 9 of March 2025 in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.**

2) What are the key dates for submission and the festival?

Submissions Open: December 2, 2024

Submission Deadline: January 20, 2025, 11:59 PM IST

Festival Dates: March 6–9, 2025

3) What are the submission categories, fees, and eligibility requirements?

Animation Short Film - South Asia:

a) Duration: 2 to 40 minutes.

b) Open to South Asian countries: India, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

c) Fees:

i) **Standard: \$6**

ii) **Student: \$4**

Animation Short Film - International:

a) Duration: Greater than 40 minutes.

b) Open to filmmakers worldwide.

c) Fees:

i) **Standard: \$25**

ii) **Student: \$15**

Note: To qualify for the student discount, you must register your film as a student project on FilmFreeway and email proof of student status (e.g., student ID) to **programming@animela.in** along with your film name.

4) What languages are accepted for submission?

Films can be in any language but must have English subtitles embedded to ensure accessibility.

5) What are the eligibility requirements for submission?

- Fully animated films completed after January 1, 2023.
- Films must not be available online or on streaming platforms before the festival dates (exceptions apply for ticketed online film festival screenings).
- Films can be in any language but must include English subtitles or closed captions.
- Submissions can include short films, feature films, and experimental animations.

6) How do I submit?

All film submissions to AniMela-AMS Festival must be made via FilmFreeway – submissions sent via any other means, including by post or email, will not be considered. To create a FilmFreeway account and submit your film to AniMela-AMS Festival, please click [here](#).

For your submission to be placed under consideration, you must:

- complete the online submission form via FilmFreeway;
- select the appropriate submission category;
- upload a working screener or screener link directly to the platform(FilmFreeway)
- Providing a password-protected Vimeo link or an unlisted YouTube link and keep it available for viewing until the end of January 2025;
- pay the entry fee as required.

Failure to do any one of the above will result in your film not being considered for the festival. As we consider a vast number of films each festival, it is your responsibility to ensure that all submission requirements have been met.

7) Can I submit multiple films?

Yes, filmmakers can submit multiple entries, but each submission requires a separate entry form and fee.

8) What happens if my film is selected?

If selected, you will be notified and must provide:

- A festival exhibition copy (Quicktime ProRes, 4K or 1920x1080 at 48Hz).
- Press stills and a press kit by the specified deadline.

Selected films cannot be withdrawn, and you must ensure timely delivery of all required materials.

For any specific questions regarding your project's eligibility, please email :
programming@animela.in