

**INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED, MULTI AWARD-WINNING
SCHOOL FOR THE CREATIVE ECONOMY**

[AFDA]

Film | Television | Performance | Business Innovation | Creative Writing

IN THE LAST 5 YEARS



★ MOST RECOGNISED GRADUATES IN SA FILM AND TV ★

★ FULLY ACCREDITED HIGHER CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES, UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES AND POSTGRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS

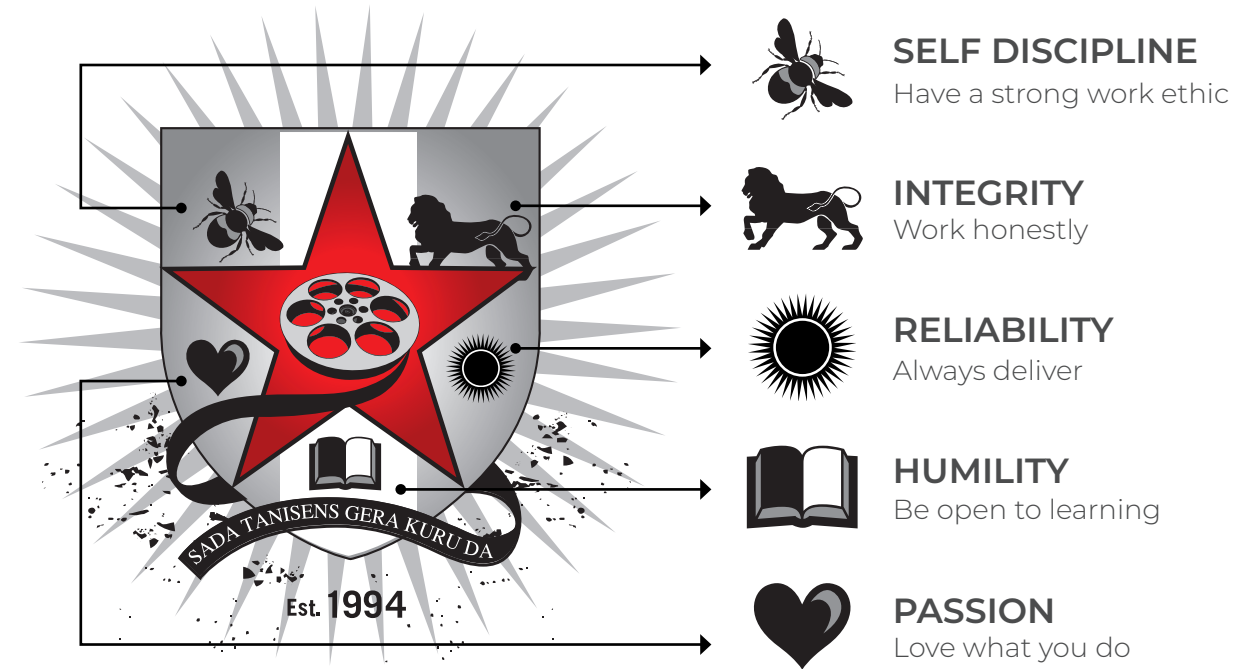
★ GRADUATE WITH YOUR OWN INDUSTRY-READY PORTFOLIO ★

**‘Sada
tanisens
gera kuru
da’** (**‘Our actions create us’**)
The AFDA motto, a Khoisan expression

Start Your Career with AFDA.

The Goal.

To develop a value-driven educational institution that contributes to transformative nation building and rewards all stakeholders by providing a relevant, stimulating, rigorous and globally integrated learning experience that empowers students with productive innovative skills, enabling graduates to grow sustainable creative economies.



The Values.

Why AFDA

AFDA has a unique and progressive project-led research and learning approach and faculty made up of industry experts and academics that:

- 1** Utilise a stimulating **HYBRID LEARNING** and teaching approach.
- 2** Develop **21ST CENTURY SKILLS** like creativity, collaboration, values & goal setting, critical thinking and digital technology.
- 3** Offer students **GENERAL & SPECIALISED SKILLS** in film, theatre, television and business innovation production and audience/market dynamics.
- 4** Utilise diverse teaching and learning experiences that include instructional, student-led, **EXPERIENTIAL, COLLABORATIVE** and **EXPLORATIVE LEARNING**.
- 5** Do not have traditional sit- down examinations, but rather **MULTIPLE ASSESSMENT MODES** which include audience / market, industry experts and collective-individual project and research assessment to suit different learning styles and mimic industry practices.
- 6** Develops **INDUSTRY READY GRADUATES** who are skilled and connected to a pool of creatives.



Founding Fathers of AFDA

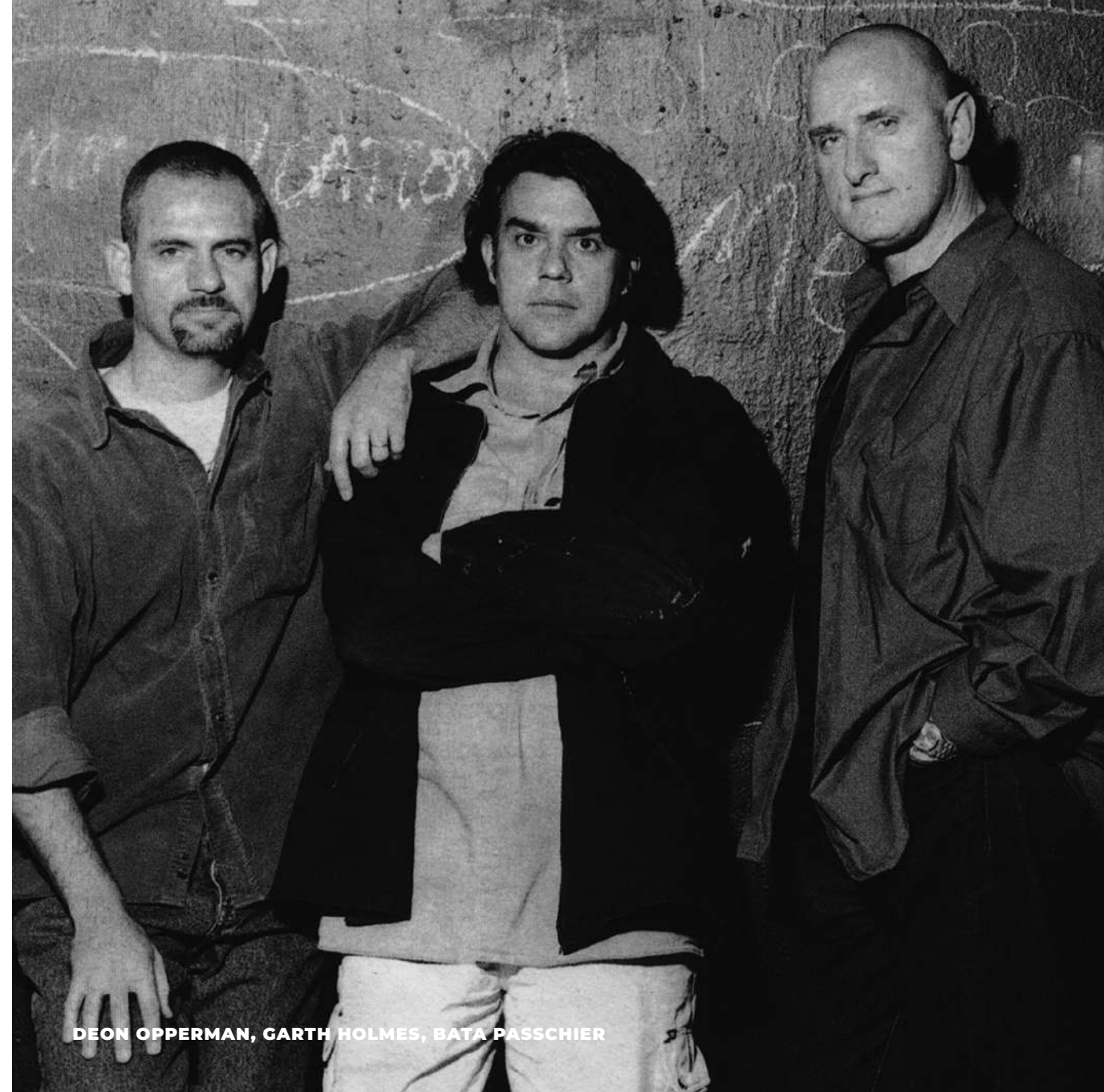
AFDA was founded in 1994 by Garth Holmes, Bata Passchier and Deon Opperman.

From its early beginnings of 6 students, a rented VCR and broken TV it has become one of the leading institutions of its kind in the world today. AFDA now has over 2750 students, a permanent staff of over 280 academics and administrators and 4 fully equipped campuses in Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban and Gqeberha.

AFDA now has over 7500 alumni. Our graduates are pervasive and well known and respected in the entertainment industry both locally and abroad. They work in all sectors of the creative economy and its associated industries. Many of them have created companies that employ both small and large

numbers of practitioners and services. Many have made their mark abroad. Many have diverted into other industries and careers and continue to make critical contribution to SA's GDP.

AFDA is an internationally recognised institution and is a full member of CILECT – The International Association of Film and Television Schools. AFDA's membership to CILECT gives AFDA students and alumni the opportunity to continue or further their studies at any of the 180+ CILECT member film schools around the world.



DEON OPPERMAN, GARTH HOLMES, BATA PASSCHIER

From AFDA student to AFDA CEO

AFDA and Stadio Holdings are delighted to announce the appointment of Diaan Lawrenson as the new AFDA CEO, effective 1 January 2025.

With 26 years of experience in the entertainment industry, Diaan has embraced diverse roles—actor, producer, content creator, AFDA lecturer, and Dean of AFDA Cape Town. Her work across all genres has given her a profound understanding of the industry's disciplines and workflows. Now, as the newly appointed CEO of AFDA, she brings unique insights into what students need to thrive creatively and what AFDA must deliver to prepare them for the future.

"I have had the privilege of serving as the Dean of AFDA Cape Town for the past five and a half years, an experience that has provided me with invaluable insights into every facet of AFDA's operations. This role has not only deepened my understanding of the institution's diverse functions but has also equipped me with the knowledge and skills to contribute meaningfully at a strategic level. As I step into the role of CEO, I am eager to continue expanding my expertise in these areas while

applying the lessons learned to guide AFDA's future.

In this capacity, I will be entrusted with steering the growth and evolution of our institution, ensuring its continued relevance and impact within the creative economies. This includes fostering the development of our student body and amplifying the contributions of our alumni to the creative economies. Our students and alumni consistently play a significant role in nation-building and strengthening South Africa's economy, and I am both inspired by their achievements and excited about what the future holds for AFDA." says Diaan.

AFDA is the no.1 Oscar winning tertiary institution of its kind in Africa. With fully accredited and internationally recognised programmes, AFDA's outcomes-based learning, empowers students with the skills they need to excel in the creative and innovation economies. AFDA graduates are shaping the future of the Creative Economy worldwide with their innovative and creative expertise.



AFDA CEO DIAAN LAWRENSON

Jane-Anne Raath

AFDA Johannesburg Dean

Jane-Anne Raath is a filmmaker, educator, and entertainment lawyer with a distinguished career spanning production and legal consulting within the creative industries.

Jane-Anne graduated from the University of Cape Town (UCT) with an Honours degree in Film and Media Production. She then dedicated 15 years as a dynamic freelance line producer, working extensively in feature film and service production. Her production expertise encompasses acclaimed projects such as Mad Max: Fury Road, Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom, Chappie, and hundreds of commercial campaigns. In 2019, Jane-Anne joined AFDA as a senior lecturer in film producing, balancing this role with her master's studies. She earned her Master's degree in Entertainment Law from the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) in 2022. Since then, she has established herself as a trusted legal consultant within South Africa's film and entertainment sectors.

For the past five years, Jane-Anne has managed the Johannesburg film school at

AFDA, where she focuses passionately on curriculum development and enhancing the student experience. Her leadership is underpinned by a commitment to nurturing talent and ensuring the campus remains a vibrant hub for creative excellence. Jane-Anne is an esteemed academic who currently serves as the Film Chair of SACOMM. She has presented her research on AI and deepfake technology on international platforms, including prestigious conferences such as CILECT.

"I am truly honoured to serve this thriving creative community. I am dedicated to keeping students at the heart of all our initiatives, building on the campus's legacy of producing some of the key players in the creative industry, with a vision to continue fostering growth and innovation. Creativity isn't just about making something new, it's about seeing possibilities where others see obstacles, and daring to shape the future with imagination and courage."applying the lessons learned to guide AFDA's future.



AFDA JOHANNESBURG DEAN JANE-ANNE RAATH

Leopold Senekal

AFDA Cape Town Dean

Leopold Senekal is an accomplished academic leader, educator, and creative practitioner with a distinguished career spanning over a decade in higher education and the performing arts. Currently serving as the Dean of AFDA Cape Town, Leopold is dedicated to fostering an environment of excellence, innovation, and collaboration that equips students with the skills and adaptability required for success in a rapidly evolving creative economy.

With an academic background deeply rooted in production design, production management, and performance, Leopold has held numerous pivotal roles, including Art Director, Director, Resident Production Designer, and Program Coordinator for institutions and companies both local and abroad. His expertise encompasses interdisciplinary teaching, curriculum development, and cultivating industry-relevant collaborations between film, music, live performance, and technical arts students. Under his guidance, AFDA has consistently championed forward-thinking educational practices that align with global creative industry trends. Leopold's tenure as Dean is marked by his commitment to ensuring that AFDA

remains a leader in creative education in South Africa. His vision emphasizes the integration of emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence into the curriculum, positioning AFDA as a forward-thinking institution capable of producing graduates who not only meet industry demands but actively shape its future. His leadership style combines a deep respect for academic rigor with an unwavering focus on student and staff well-being, fostering a vibrant and supportive campus culture.

Leopold has been instrumental in launching interdisciplinary assessments, establishing practical technical assessments, and designing innovative learning materials tailored for online and hybrid teaching environments. Beyond his administrative accomplishments, Leopold has contributed significantly to the artistic community through his work in theatre, television, film, and education, nurturing the next generation of performers, creators, and thought leaders.

“We are not just preparing students for the future; we are empowering them to shape it. At AFDA, our mission is to create leaders in the creative economy who are unafraid to disrupt the status quo.”



AFDA CAPE TOWN DEAN LEOPOLD SENEKAL

Dr. Temara Prem

AFDA Durban Dean

Dr Temara Prem is an academic and filmmaker based in Durban, South Africa, specialising in postcolonial film theory and filmmaking. She holds a PhD in Film and Television from the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. Her doctoral research examines identity representation in post-apartheid South African cinema, contributing to global discussions on cultural specificity and representation in film. She also earned an MFA in Film and Television from AFDA Cape Town, where her thesis explored Baroque aesthetics and their influence on post-war expressionist cinema. This combination of theoretical and technical expertise informs her teaching and creative work.

Dr Prem also has extensive experience in the film and media industries, having worked on productions in the capacities of cinematographer and director, including directing projects for BET Africa and SABC 1. In addition to her academic and professional roles, Dr Prem is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion within the film industry and educational institutions. She serves on the Standing Committee on Ethics, Diversity, and Inclusion (SCEDI) for CILECT (The International Association of Film and Television Schools). She is also a member of SWIFT (Sisters Working in Film and Television).



AFDA DURBAN DEAN DR. TEMARA PREM

Simon Pienaar

AFDA Gqeberha Dean

Simon Pienaar is a filmmaker, educator, and creative leader born and raised in Gqeberha. With both parents having served as university lecturers, education and creativity were embedded in his upbringing. After graduating from Nelson Mandela University, Simon spent over a decade working as a freelance visual artist and educator — co-founding a design agency and a private photography school, while earning national and international awards for his work in photographic and digital arts.

Simon joined AFDA Gqeberha in 2015 and has since spent ten years lecturing across the disciplines of Cinematography, VFX, Editing, Data and Grading, Producing, and Writing. For the past four years, he has served as the Programme Coordinator for the School of Motion Picture, developing curricula, shaping student outcomes, and supporting cross-disciplinary integration. In 2024, he completed his Master of Fine Arts (MFA) through AFDA Johannesburg, focusing on engagement and immersion theory through gamification and ludology.

Simon brings to the role of Dean a grounded, holistic understanding of the AFDA curriculum and a deep belief in collaborative, student-centered learning. His leadership is guided by two core principles: kaizen, the philosophy of continuous improvement through small, daily efforts; and ikigai, the alignment of purpose, skill, and meaningful contribution.

In his new role as Dean, Simon is committed to fostering a campus culture that celebrates creativity, embraces innovation, and serves as a catalyst for the Eastern Cape's growing creative economy.

“A great film is never made alone — it's built frame by frame, cut by cut, through collaboration, clarity of vision, and a willingness to fail forward. That's how I see this campus: not as a finished product, but as a living edit. Every student, every staff member, every idea contributes to the unfolding story of AFDA Gqeberha — and I'm here to help direct the next act.”

A portrait of Simon Pienaar, a bald man with a grey beard and mustache, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light blue button-down shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

AFDA GQEBERHA DEAN SIMON PIENAAR

Pauli van Dyk

AFDA Hatfield Dean

Pauli van Dyk has a wealth of experience in the South African television industry and a dedicated tenure as a lecturer at AFDA Johannesburg, where she taught in the areas of post-production, editing, and directing.

Pauli has worked as a professional producer, director and editor in the South African Television Industry for more than 20 years. From television series (Jam Sandwich, Walala Wasala, Forrtuinsoekers, Wielie Walie) corporate videos (Transnet, SARB, Kagiso Media) and documentaries (Punk in Africa, Flowers of the Revolution, Mozart in Meadowlands, Who Killed Johannes Kerkorrel, My Big Fat Afrikaner wedding) she has done it all!

As an independent producer and member of Meerkat Media cc she has a passion for the upliftment and training of people. As a previous employee at Kagiso Television and Communication she has worked

extensively as a trainer and mentor for countless people who are now respected professionals in the industry.

“Over the past three decades, I have been immersed in the South African industry, working on a variety of projects ranging from television series and documentaries to reality shows, corporate videos, and educational initiatives. This diverse experience has honed my skills, enabling me to offer students a comprehensive perspective on the industry and a nuanced understanding of the various stages of production across formats and genres. I am particularly excited to contribute to reimagining the skill set that newly graduated students will need to successfully flourish in the creative economy. I welcome this opportunity to support AFDA in its mission to deliver innovative, high-quality education in the creative economies.”



AFDA HATFIELD DEAN PAULI VAN DYK

AFDA Johannesburg

Established 1994

AFDA was established in Johannesburg in 1994 and is currently situated on a 10 000 square metre campus within a stone's throw of the national TV broadcaster, the SABC.

Also known as Egoli ('place of gold') or Jozi, it is South Africa's go-to TV production kitchen, and enjoys sunny weather all year round. The six million strong population of this vibrant melting pot are fondly known as Jo'burgers.



AFDA Cape Town

Established 2003

Cape Town, the Mother City, is widely recognised as one of the most beautiful places on earth.

It is home to three world heritage sites: the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, Table Mountain and Robben Island. The city's pristine beaches and watersports havens, and the waters around the Cape Peninsula are a whale-watchers paradise.

Established in 2003, AFDA Cape Town is situated in Observatory on a 7000 square metre site in a quaint historical area just outside the CBD where Victorian architecture, industrial enterprise and trendy watering holes form a fascinating and eclectic mix.

The Cape Town film industry provides infrastructure and service excellence to international feature film and commercial productions. The glorious locations, the 15-hour long summer days, the intensity of the light, the world class facilities, the favourable exchange rate and the top-notch technical film crews all combine to make Cape Town one of the first choices for overseas productions.

AFDA Durban

Established 2013

Over the last 13 years since its inception with 71 students, AFDA Durban has continued to grow and now boasts five programme offerings, ranging from Higher Certificates, undergraduate degrees through to Postgraduate qualifications.

The campus offers industry-standard studios, post-production suites, lecture and rehearsal rooms, as well as student recreational areas, storage and parking facilities. All programmes offered on AFDA Durban have year for year parity with the other AFDA campuses, to ensure the same world-class curriculum delivery and standard of facilities.

AFDA Durban has had an unmistakable impact on the local as well as international entertainment industry. AFDA Durban graduation films have won the Best Student Film award at the Simon Sabela Awards 10 years in a row and the AFDA Durban campus is also the home to the official statue of the Simon "Mabhunu" Sabela Award.



AFDA Gqeberha

Established 2015

AFDA Gqeberha was established in 2015 at a small campus in Newton Park. The student numbers soon outgrew the site and the campus was moved to Bird Street in Central into an old museum and heritage building.

The campus started with offering the BA in Motion Picture Medium, and the BA in Live Performance soon followed suit. By 2018, the Postgraduate BA Honours degree started and in 2019, the 1-year Higher Certificate was started at the campus. The campus hosts a growing but tightly knit and diverse community of passionate staff and students all invested in and focussed on the creative economy.

The Gqeberha campus is within 5min from all the top amenities, most importantly the beautiful beaches and beachfront promenade of Nelson Mandela Bay. The Central area is host to a melting pot of arts and culture, including the Opera Theatre, art galleries and also many historical and cultural sites and buildings.

AFDA Hatfield

Established 2026

**AFDA Hatfield – A New Chapter
for the Creative Economy**

The opening of AFDA Hatfield in 2026 marks a significant milestone in our mission to expand access to world-class creative education across South Africa. By establishing a presence in Tshwane, we aim to connect students from Gauteng, Limpopo, and Mpumalanga to a vibrant creative ecosystem, reducing travel and accommodation costs while fostering local talent. AFDA remains committed to developing industry-ready graduates who will lead and innovate in the creative economy.



who we are

MEMBER OF CILECT



30+
AREAS OF STUDY

5
CAMPUSES

ESTABLISHED
JOHANNESBURG 1994
CAPE TOWN 2003
DURBAN 2013
QOEBERHA 2015
HATFIELD 2026

4
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

4
POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

3
HIGHER CERTIFICATES

2750+
STUDENTS

7500+
ALUMNI



AFDA Programmes

- ✓ **Higher Certificate in Film, TV & Entertainment Production**
NQF Level 5 | SAQA ID 90741
- ✓ **Higher Certificate in Performing Arts**
NQF Level 5 | SAQA ID 111403
- ✓ **Higher Certificate in Radio & Podcasting**
NQF Level 5 | SAQA ID 99532
- ✓ **Bachelor of Arts in Motion Picture Medium**
NQF Level 7 | SAQA ID 35934
- ✓ **Bachelor of Arts in Live Performance**
NQF Level 7 | SAQA ID 35936
- ✓ **Bachelor of Creative Writing**
NQF Level 7 | SAQA ID 112550
- ✓ **Bachelor of Commerce in Business Innovation & Entrepreneurship**
NQF Level 7 | SAQA ID 94705
- ✓ **Bachelor of Arts Honours in Motion Picture Medium**
NQF Level 8 | SAQA ID 35935
- ✓ **Bachelor of Arts Honours in Live Performance**
NQF Level 8 | SAQA ID 35937
- ✓ **Postgraduate Diploma in Innovation**
NQF Level 8 | SAQA ID 111396
- ✓ **Master of Fine Arts in Motion Picture Medium**
NQF Level 9 | SAQA ID 96800



The AFDA Film School

- Higher Certificate in Film, TV & Entertainment Production
- Bachelor of Arts in Motion Picture Medium
- Bachelor of Arts Honours in Motion Picture Medium
- Master of Fine Arts in Motion Picture Medium





ARRI-ALEXA MINI CAMERA



PANASONIC TELEVISION CAMERA



ARRI-ALEXA CAMERA



LIGHTING EQUIPMENT



FILM SET KITS



INDUSTRY GOLD STANDARD ARRI-ALEXA MINI HOLLYWOOD'S FAVOURITE CAMERA



SOUND STUDIO



BEHIND THE SCENES ON SET

Higher Certificate in Film, TV & Entertainment Production

1 Year Full-time | NQF level 5 | SAQA ID 90741

All AFDA campuses: Johannesburg | Cape Town | Durban | Gqeberha | Hatfield

The **Higher Certificate in Film, Television and Entertainment Production** focuses on basic technical and / or production skills important for the running of a film or television set. The HC programme equips learners with entry level technical and vocational skills for a variety of assistantships in the Creative Industries. It also enables students to enter a degree programme of their choice.

There are 2 streams within the programme. Both streams, or a combination of modules from the two streams, will be offered on a given campus, depending on the student intake and the demand in the selection of a module on that campus.

*(*Please check with your campus of choice which modules will be offered.)*

Stream 1:

TECHNICAL

- ✔ Introductions to camera, grips, lighting, multi-cam studio operations and on-set sound recording.

Stream 2:

PRODUCTION and ART DEPARTMENT

- ✔ Introductions to production coordination, art department, wardrobe, make-up & styling, and post-production coordination.



STUDENTS FOCUSING ON SET



LIGHTS CAMERA SOUND... AND ACTION



STUDENT EDITING LIVE



STUDENT APPLYING THE LAST TOUCH OF MAKE-UP

Bachelor of Arts in Motion Picture Medium

3 Years Full-Time | NQF Level 7 | SAQA ID 35934

All AFDA Campuses: Johannesburg | Cape Town | Durban | Gqeberha | Hatfield

The AFDA **Bachelor of Arts in Motion Picture Medium** is internationally recognised, as evidenced by winning numerous industry-acclaimed awards, for providing students with a rigorous, well-rounded, comprehensive education in motion picture production. The programme is designed to equip students with the necessary conceptual, practical and contextual skills to produce multiple forms of film, TV, and emerging media content. What defines the programme and sets it apart, is its experiential approach to learning, allowing graduates to thrive in the creative economy of the 21st century.

Students will be guided in how to produce work in a variety of formats for a range of distribution platforms. These include short

dramatic narratives, pilot episodes for a drama or comedy series, documentaries, multi-camera actuality or drama shows, and social media productions.

In Discipline Studies, students will initially gain a broad set of basic conceptual, technical and craft skills in production, screen design, image production, post-production as well as sound and music production. Based on their skills and talents, they will select two disciplines in which they will acquire comprehensive skills.

Discipline skills acquisition over the three years of study has been designed to equip students with the required skill sets to meet the ever-evolving production needs of the 21st century motion picture industry.



STUDENTS GETTING READY FOR ACTION



STUDENTS IN THE EDIT SUITE



STUDENTS SHOOTING A CLOSE-UP

Disciplines & Majors

available in the **BA Motion Picture Medium Degree**

- ✓ Writing
- ✓ Producing
- ✓ Directing
- ✓ Cinematography
- ✓ Data & Grading
- ✓ Production Design
- ✓ Character Design and Styling
- ✓ Editing
- ✓ Visual Effects
- ✓ Animation (Johannesburg only)
- ✓ Sound Design
- ✓ Media Music Production



STUDENTS GETTING READY FOR THE LAST TAKE



STUDENT IN THE SOUND STUDIO



CHARACTER DESIGN & STYLING STUDENT
PUTTING ON THE FINAL TOUCH



DIRECTING STUDENT ENJOYING
WHAT HE SEES ON HIS MONITOR

BA Honours in Motion Picture Medium

1 Year Full-time | NQF level 8 | SAQA ID 35935

All AFDA Campuses: Johannesburg | Cape town | Durban | Gqeberha

**BA Honours is open to students who have completed Undergraduate studies or qualify to RPL into Postgraduate studies.*

Students in the **Motion Picture Medium Honours** programme will conceptualise, develop, produce, market and professionally exhibit one of the following works:

MOTION PICTURE STUDENTS:

24-minute Dramatic Narrative Film

24-minute Pilot Programme for Television

24-minute Documentary Film

DISCIPLINES ON OFFER:

- ✔ Writing | Directing | Producing;
- ✔ Production Design | Character Design & Styling
- ✔ Cinematography | Data & Grading
- ✔ Editing | Visual Effects | Animation*
- ✔ Media Music Production
- ✔ Sound Design

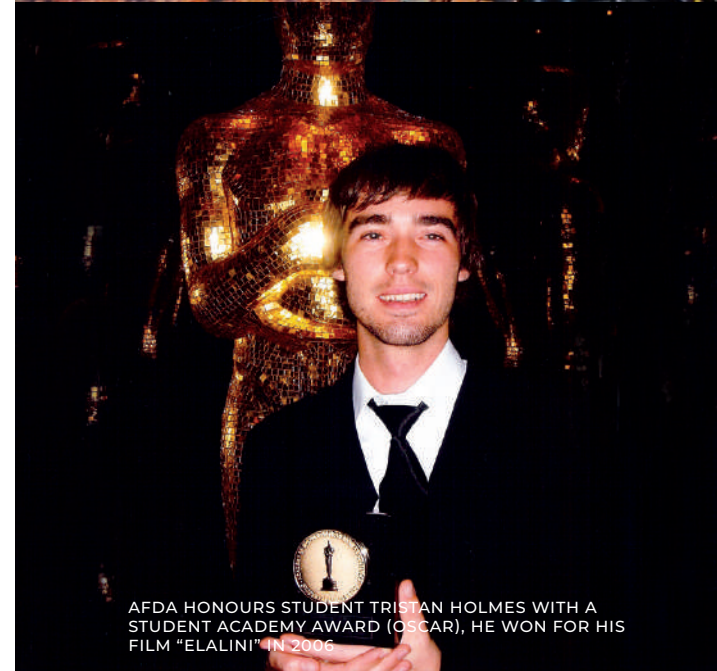
*Available in AFDA Johannesburg only

With a postgraduate level focus on Research-led Practice / Practice-led Research, the AFDA Honours degrees equip students to apply research and critical engagement to the production of an artwork. The program also aims to develop key knowledge and skills for success in meeting future challenges, augmenting imagination, creativity, collaboration and communication, leadership, innovation and entrepreneurial skills.

This research approach not only prepares students for further postgraduate studies, but also for entering the world of work in their preferred field of specialisation.



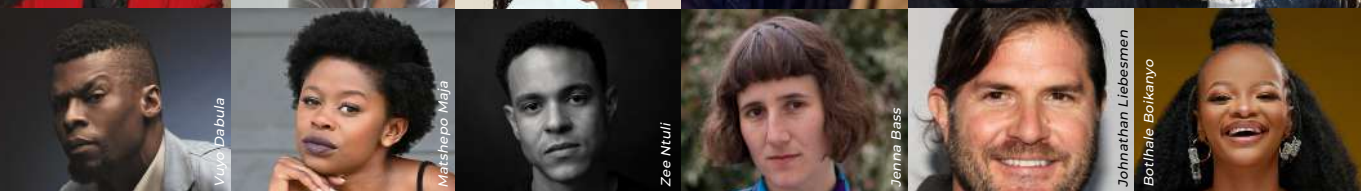
STUDENTS ON A COLD OUTDOOR SHOOT



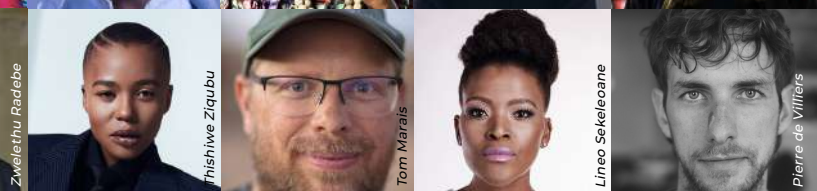
AFDA HONOURS STUDENT TRISTAN HOLMES WITH A STUDENT ACADEMY AWARD (OSCAR). HE WON FOR HIS FILM "ELALINI" IN 2006



ALL SET UP AND READY TO ROLL



AFDA AWARD WINNING ALUMNI



Master of Fine Arts in Motion Picture Medium

2 Years Part-time | NQF level 9 | SAQA ID 96800
AFDA Campuses: Johannesburg | Cape Town

**MFA is open to students who have completed an Honours degree at a registered university in a relevant field, or qualify to RPL into Masters studies.*

Through applied research, the AFDA **MFA** presents students with the opportunity to master the knowledge of creating and monetising high quality, engaging long format narratives with an appeal to local audiences.

AFDA MFA students are required to complete ONE of the following outcomes:

- ✔ A Feature Film of a minimum of 48 minutes in length
- ✔ A Feature Documentary of a minimum of 48 minutes in length
- ✔ A Feature Film Screenplay / Script of TV Series – series outline and 2 episodes
- ✔ Special Projects* on request, such as Podcast Series, Game Prototypes, Commercial Campaigns or Virtual Reality Immersive Experiences

*Special projects need to adhere to the requirements of a NQF Level 9 qualification.

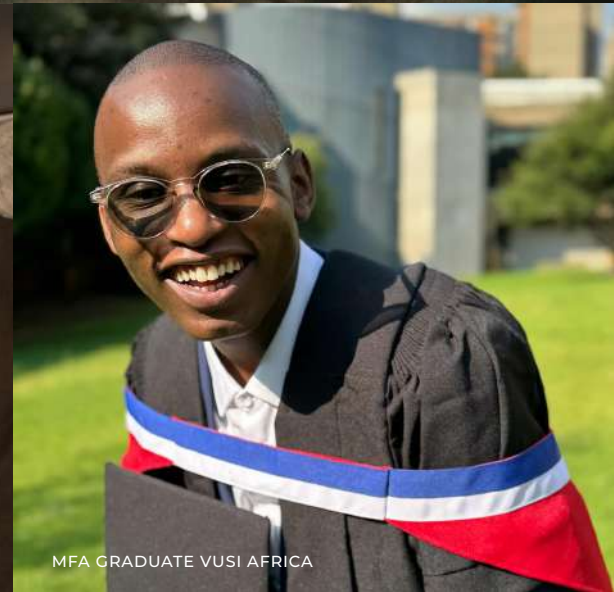
With a master's level focus on Research-led Practice / Practice-led Research, the AFDA Masters programme not only equips students to apply research and critical engagement to the production of a feature length motion picture, but also to generate valuable applied research that will benefit the growth of local creative industries.



ON SET BEHIND THE SCENES - STUNNING STUDIO SET



CINEMATOGRAPHER STUDENT IN FULL FOCUS



MFA GRADUATE VUSI AFRICA

Award-Winning Students & Alumni



ANGUIH



CIPHER



PREV REDDY



VUYO DABULA



MOTLATSI MAFATSHE



NTOBEKO DLAMINI

Our award-winning Global Footprint



"Old Righteous Blues"



"Thina Sobabili"

6 YEARS IN A ROW

Seven AFDA Alumni Films nominated and candidates for **OSCARS** Best Foreign Language Film

"Old Righteous Blues"
"Thina Sobabili"
"Noem My Skollie"
"The Wound"
"Toorbos"
"This is not a Burial, It's a Resurrection"



"Noem My Skollie"



"Toorbos"



"The Wound"



"This is not a Burial, It's a Resurrection"



OSCAR

OSCAR First and only SA winner of Academy Award for Best Foreign Student Film in 2006 "Elalini"

AFDA staff, students and alumni played a key role in the making of the 2021 Student Academy Award winning film "Lakutshon' Ilanga"

AFDA alumnus Kyle Stroebel works as colourist on Oscar winning documentary "My Octopus Teacher"

AFDA alumnus Adam Thal produced Oscar nominated film "The Last Ranger"

THE OSCARS



360 FEATURE FILMS

AFDA alumni in key positions in over 360 feature film productions

OVER 9650

The AFDA Community includes:
Over **7500 ALUMNI** &
Over **2750 Students**

OVER 220

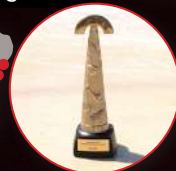
AFDA graduation productions produced annually

CILECT OVER 180

AFDA is a member of CILECT with over 180 audio visual institutions in 65 countries on 6 continents

10 SAMAs

AFDA Alumni have won 10 Awards in the last 5 years. Shekhinah winning 5



BATTLE: LOS ANGELES

10 SASC VISUAL SPECTRUM AWARDS

25 Gold / Silver
2 Bronze awards

34 COUNTRIES

In the last 3 years AFDA Graduation Films have been selected to screen at film festivals in 32 countries around the world

GRAND PRIX

CANNES LIONS INT. FESTIVAL

AFDA graduate Terence Neale became the first SA director to ever win Grand Prix at the Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity, the world's most prestigious advertising award



OVER 40

SAFTAs
AFDA Grad Films have won 10 Golden Horn Awards for Best Student Films



10 ANNUAL SAFTAs

FOR 4 YEARS IN A ROW

AFDA alumnus Adam Bentel ranked No.1 Cinematographer by the Loeries



17 GOLDEN HORN SAFTAs in 2024



ANGUISH

1 SONY FUTURE FILMMAKER AWARDS

AFDA Graduate Film, "Anguish" won Best Student Film at Sony Future Filmmaker Awards in 2024 in Los Angeles



TOP 5 FINALIST

FESTIVAL DE CANNES

Court de Metrage 2006 AFDA Student Film "Ongeriewe"



METRO FM AWARDS 2024
Best African Pop Album
Bongiswe Mabundla



BLOOD & WATER



AFDA graduation films have won **Simon Sabela** Best Student Film Award for 10 years running

10 YEARS IN A ROW

The AFDA School of Live Performance

- Higher Certificate in Performing Arts
- Higher Certificate in Radio & Podcasting
- Bachelor of Arts in Live Performance
- Bachelor of Arts Honours in Live Performance



Higher Certificate in Performing Arts

1 Year Full-time | NQF level 5 | SAQA ID 111403

All AFDA Campuses: Johannesburg | Cape Town | Durban | Gqeberha | Hatfield

The 1-year **Higher Certificate in Performing Arts** is project-led, with a focus on learning through experience. Students are assessed on how they are able to analyse and apply the knowledge they have by performing a prescribed text, as well as running a theatre production including stage props, costumes, sound, lighting and production administration.

This way of learning helps students translate their conceptual understanding into practical skills, as well as socialize their learning through collaboration with their team members. This includes learning Performing Arts techniques, practicum, arts management (hosting and technical management) as well as academic development.



Higher Certificate in Radio & Podcasting

1 Year Full-time | NQF level 5 | SAQA ID 99532
AFDA Johannesburg Campus

The AFDA **Higher Certificate in Radio and Podcasting** programme equips learners with entry level technical and vocational skills in the world of radio and podcasting. It also equips students to enter an AFDA degree programme of their choice.

The programme focuses on the basic skills to operate a podcast or radio studio as well as the voice performance skills required for podcast and radio presenting. The programme equips students with the skills to research and

record podcasts and to conduct the logistical and technical running of a radio/podcast production. Students also learn about podcast and radio genres, presentation styles, basic station management, studio equipment and recording devices.

In the 4th term students will either stream a pre-recorded podcast produced by themselves, or assist Live Performance students in the recording of a radio drama.



ON AIR



STUDENT GET THE ENGINEERING SOUND PITCH PERFECT



STUDENT WIRED FOR SOUND

Bachelor of Arts in Live Performance

3 Years Full-time | NQF level 7 | SAQA ID 35936

All AFDA Campuses: Johannesburg | Cape Town | Durban | Gqeberha | Hatfield

The AFDA **Bachelor of Arts in Live Performance** programme is designed to equip students with the necessary conceptual, practical and contextual skills to perform on stage, screen, TV, or within the music industry. As is the same in the Motion Picture degree, students in the Live Performance stream follow a project-led, experiential approach to their learning. Students are assessed on how they are able to analyse and apply their knowledge in the context of creating live performance projects for film, TV, stage and emerging media, ensuring that students are prepared to meet the production needs of the 21st century performance industry.

In Discipline Studies, students will have the opportunity to use the knowledge they have gained in Research Studies to experiment, improvise and express their creative voice in the disciplines of stage acting, screen acting and musical performance, as well as a choice of various motion picture disciplines.

Students will gain the skills to successfully position themselves as a performer or presenter for contact environments such as cinemas and theatres, as well as on a variety of digital platforms.



STUDENTS OWNING THE STAGE



STUDENTS ON SET AND ON SCREEN



STAYING IN CHARACTER

Disciplines & Majors

available in the BA Live Performance Degree

Screen Acting

- ✔ Defining characters through screenplay analysis
- ✔ Developing goal attainment strategies and motivational force for characters
- ✔ Creating and adopting effective personalities for character engagement
- ✔ Forming defined characters through acting techniques
- ✔ Performing for the camera

Stage Acting

- ✔ Defining characters through stage play analysis
- ✔ Developing goal attainment strategies and motivational force for characters
- ✔ Creating and adopting effective personalities for character engagement
- ✔ Forming defined characters through acting techniques Performing for the live audience

Music Performance

- ✔ Writing lyrics and composing songs
- ✔ Performing music
- ✔ Vocal development & music theory
- ✔ Designing and staging a personal brand
- ✔ Product management and the business of music

Media Presenting

- ✔ Analysing the Media Text
- ✔ Presenting a Media Persona
- ✔ Presenting for Medium
- ✔ Realising Media Persona Aesthetics
- ✔ Capitalising Media Performance



MUSIC STUDENT BELTING IT OUT ON STAGE



STUDENTS TAKING A BOW



STUDENT IN THE LIMELIGHT



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BA Honours in Live Performance

1 Year Full-time | NQF level 8 | SAQA ID 35937
All AFDA Campuses: Johannesburg | Cape Town | Durban | Gqeberha

**BA Honours is open to students who have completed Undergraduate studies or qualify to RPL into Postgraduate studies.*

Students in the Honours programmes will conceptualise, develop, produce, market and professionally exhibit one of works listed below. In the **Live Performance Honours** programme, students will not only further the skills sets in their selected discipline, but will engage in the professional world of work, with the intent of launching their careers.

LIVE PERFORMANCE STUDENTS:

SCREEN ACTING:

- ✔ A lead role in a 24-minute dramatic narrative film or television pilot

STAGE ACTING:

- ✔ Two related 45 - 60 minute stage productions, of which at least one must be performed at a public arts festival.



HONOURS PRODUCTION "FABLES, RHYMES & FAIRY CRIMES"



STUDENT ON STAGE AT GRADUATION FESTIVAL



ON SET - BEHIND THE SCENES

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The AFDA School of Business & Innovation

- ✓ Bachelor of Commerce in Business Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- ✓ Postgraduate Diploma in Innovation



Bachelor of Commerce in Business Innovation & Entrepreneurship

3 Years Full-time | NQF level 7 | SAQA ID 94705
AFDA Johannesburg & Cape Town Campuses

The **BCom in Business Innovation & Entrepreneurship** at AFDA is a project-based degree designed to future-proof, stimulate, and build capacity in students to conceptualise innovative business ideas for start-up businesses; to develop business models and prototypes for these business ideas, and to test the viability of the idea with a potential marketplace. In their final year of study students will also have the opportunity to operate their entrepreneurial business in a simulated workplace.

The degree focuses on business start-up theories and models that can meaningfully apply to and create tech-based projects. Students are encouraged to conceptualise businesses for the Creative Industries, which may include a collaborative project with students in the Motion Picture,

Live Performance or Creative Writing degrees.

The tech-focused outcomes allow students to collaborate in a team to realise their start-up business. Each student's role in the business relates to their chosen discipline, and they work together to develop, research and prepare to launch a business start-up to be tested and monetised

*BCom programme availability on certain campuses subject to change. Please consult the Student Recruitment Officer on your campus of choice for further information.



Disciplines & Majors

available in the BCom Business Innovation & Entrepreneurship Degree

- ✓ Business Strategy and Management
- ✓ Marketing and Sales
- ✓ Startup Finance
- ✓ U(I)X Design and Operations



Postgraduate Diploma in Innovation

1 Year Full-time | NQF level 8 | SAQA ID 111396
AFDA Johannesburg & Cape Town Campus

The Postgraduate Diploma is open to students who have completed Undergraduate studies or qualify to RPL into Postgraduate studies

The AFDA **Postgraduate Diploma in Innovation** provides students with a rigorous education in convergence of business and technological innovation, equipping students with the necessary skills to identify a business opportunity, apply innovation theory and launch a new business venture.

The intent of this qualification is to economically boost the creative economy, by hosting an innovation incubator that develops tangible businesses through a diverse cohort of students.

The Postgraduate diploma, with a focus on research and collaborative projects can accommodate students from Undergraduate degrees of various specialisations and electives, whether in business, entertainment or otherwise.

Students will not necessarily learn the foundations of business as an Undergraduate

BCom programme may teach, however students should enter the program with a keen interest in business and entrepreneurship. Students will learn about generating new ideas, researching, innovating and look at applying their previous area of specialisation (discipline) or an area of great interest to them into their role as part of a dynamic and diverse group of individuals. This group will collaborate to develop a business model that harnesses their collaborative disciplines.

At the end of the year-long programme students will have a generated a innovate start-up business that will have the capacity to attract, as well as a reflective research report that encapsulates each students individual learning journey.

**The Postgraduate Diploma in Innovation is available on the Johannesburg and Cape Town campuses.*



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The AFDA School of Creative Writing

◆ Bachelor of Creative Writing



Bachelor of Creative Writing

3 Years Full-time | NQF level 7 | SAQA ID 112550

All AFDA Campuses: Johannesburg | Cape Town | Durban | Gqeberha

The South African and global creative industries are undergoing massive growth and diversification. There is a clear need for creative writing programmes to address the vast expansion of new platforms and media technologies.

The new 3-year AFDA **Bachelor of Creative Writing** programme is structured to respond to this rapidly changing landscape, while offering integrated, rather than isolated creative writing projects. It will deliver multi-skilled writers that can create content for a variety of existing and emerging media platforms.

AFDA's Bachelor of Creative Writing will supply students with a broad-based skillset and provide a multitude of career possibilities.

Disciplines & Majors

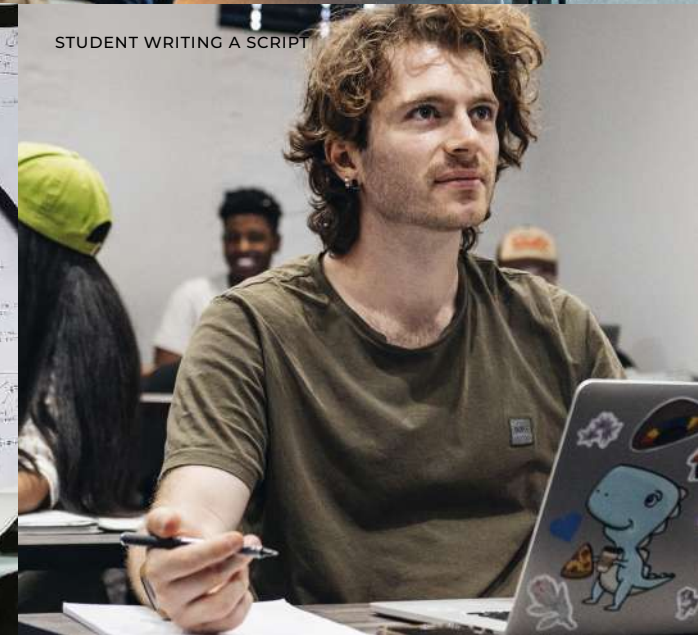
- ✔ Short Story
- ✔ Screen Writing: Film & TV
- ✔ Play Writing
- ✔ Promotional Writing



COLLABORATIVE STORY WRITING



SCREENWRITING IN ACTION OS



STUDENT WRITING A SCRIPT

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Careers in the Creative Economy

Film

Director, Producer, Content Creators, Production Manager, Unit Manager, Location Manager, Production co-ordinator, Distributor, Floor Manager, Agent, Casting co-ordinator, Researcher, Assistant Director (1st, 2nd etc), Scriptwriter, Script editor, Script Supervisor, Continuity, Animator, Art director, Art department co-ordinator, Production Designer, Props Master, Set Dresser/ Decorator, Prosthetics artist, Stylist, Costume Designer, Makeup Artist, Wardrobe Supervisor, SFX, Director of Photography, Focus Puller, Camera Operator, Camera Assistant, Grip, Grip Assistant, DIT, Lighting technician, Videographer, Cinematographer, Equipment management & rental, Colourist, Grading, Editor, Assistant Editor, VFX Artist, VFX Supervisor, 2D Artist, 3D Artist, Boom Operator, Sound recorder, Foley Artist/ Editor, Sound Designer, Sound Editor, Sound Assistant, Music Editor, Music composer, Post-production supervisor, Re-recording mixer etc.

Television

TV Producer, Production Coordinator, Floor Manager, Director, TV Writer(s), Script editor/ supervisor, Researcher, Studio Manager, Camera operator, Lighting Technician, Studio Technician, Vision Mixer, Graphics/ Broadcast Designer, Sound Recorder, Sound Editor, Continuity etc.

Live Performance

Stage Actor / Actress, Screen Actor / Actress, Music Performer, Presenter, Singer, Voice over artist, Drama coaching, Stage production development, Teaching & training etc.

Business & Innovation

Entrepreneur, Strategist, Marketer, Brand development & management, Communication & Sales, Events Management, Entertainment & Artist Management, Project Manager, Digital/Social Media/ Online specialist, Finance, Product Development, Consulting, Business Management, Operations, Networking Engineer, Support, Technician, Developer, Content Creator etc.

Creative Writing

Screenwriter, Script Editor, Dialogue Writer, Story Consultant, TV Show Writer, Novelist, Short Story Writer, Poet, Journalist, Editor, Content Writer, Copywriter, Content Creator, SEO Writer, Social Media Manager, Brand Storyteller, Narrative Designer, Game Scriptwriter, Playwright, Dramaturg, Creative Writing Lecturer, Workshop Facilitator

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



Higher Certificate

entry into Higher Certificate



Undergraduate Bachelor's Degrees

(BA / BCOM / B CREATIVE WRITING) entry into 1st year



Undergraduate Bachelor's Degrees

(BA / BCOM / B CREATIVE WRITING) entry into 2nd year



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Entry Requirements

into AFDA's fully-accredited programmes



Higher Certificate programmes

1 YEAR COURSE

National Senior Certificate (South African Grade 12 / Matric) with entry into a Diploma or Higher Certificate or equivalent.

SHOULD YOU NOT HAVE THE ABOVE YOU MAY ALSO QUALIFY TO ENTER IF YOU:

Complete and pass the AFDA Entrance Exam.

Please contact your nearest AFDA Campus for details on the Entrance Exam.



1ST YEAR OF Undergraduate Bachelor's Degrees (BA / BCom / B Creative Writing)

3 YEAR COURSE

National Senior Certificate (South African Grade 12 / Matric) with entry into a Bachelor's degree.

OR

You may also enter an AFDA degree if you have successfully completed an accredited Higher Certificate programme.

SHOULD YOU NOT HAVE THE ABOVE, YOU MAY ALSO QUALIFY TO ENTER IF YOU HAVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ A National Skills Certificate / National Certificate (Vocational) (NCV) on NQF level 4 with 3 fundamental subjects (including English) above 60% and 4 vocational subjects above 70%.
- ✓ A technical N5 certificate with 4 subjects passed on N5 level including Maths and English.

- ✓ The ACE School of Tomorrow (Accelerated Christian Education) on an achievement level similar to Grade 12 with Bachelor's Pass.
- ✓ You have passed the first year of an accredited programme on NQF 6 or 7 (first year of a diploma or degree) or equivalent.
- ✓ If you do not have Grade 12 but are 23 years or older, you can apply for exemption to study a degree at AFDA with Universities South Africa.

CONTACT DETAILS:
Matriculation Board & Exemption Certificates

✉ Applications@USAf.ac.za
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*RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

RPL stands for Recognition of Prior Learning. It arises from an international tendency to increase students' access to education by articulating various types and levels of education with each other, to promote lifelong learning and ensuring no-one is barred from higher education. In South Africa, it was a core principle of the White Paper on Higher Education in the late nineties, and again in the January 2012 Green Paper for post-school education and training issued by The Department of Higher Education and Training.

All Higher Education institutions in South Africa must have a policy and procedure to assess prospective students' RPL to see if they can enter the courses with a reasonable chance of success.

AFDA's alternative routes to access degree studies include RPL from other relevant and equal qualifications. To find out if you qualify, send us an email with your enquiry or request an interview.



2ND YEAR OF Undergraduate Bachelor's Degrees (BA / BCom / B Creative Writing)

YOU MAY RPL* INTO SECOND YEAR OF AN AFDA DEGREE IF YOU HAVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ✔ Completed 1st year at a registered university in a relevant field and have no outstanding credits.
- ✔ 5 years relevant experience in the industry with key responsibilities and roles; and that you pass a formal assessment of the discipline you want to enter.



Postgraduate AFDA Honours Degrees (BA HONS) programme

YOU MAY ENTER INTO THE AFDA HONOURS DEGREE PROGRAMME IF YOU HAVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ✔ Completed an undergraduate Bachelor's degree at AFDA.
- ✔ Completed a 3-year degree programme at a registered university in a relevant field and have no outstanding credits.
 - Please note that the relevance / suitability of your particular degree will be assessed by AFDA and may require that you attend an interview.
- ✔ **RPL:** You have 5 years relevant experience in the industry with key responsibilities and roles; and that you pass a formal assessment of the discipline you want to enter.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AROUND THE RPL PROCESS FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES, PLEASE CONTACT

✉ postgrad@afda.co.za



Postgraduate AFDA Master of Fine Arts (MFA) programme

YOU MAY ENTER INTO THE AFDA MFA PROGRAMME IF YOU HAVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ✔ Completed an AFDA Honours degree.
- ✔ Completed an Honours degree at a registered university in a relevant field and have no outstanding credits.
- ✔ **RPL:** You have 10 years relevant experience in the industry with key responsibilities and roles; and that you pass a formal assessment of the discipline you want to enter.

International Students



If applicants have a recognised international qualification and meet the criteria listed in the Higher Education Act or the AFDA RPL for Access policy (based on the HE Act of 2008), then they may immediately qualify for access into their chosen AFDA qualification.

Alternative access options include via SAQA, or via the AFDA Entrance Exam. Each applicant will be advised individually regarding entry, based on their application with submission of all academic transcript and qualification documents.

A Certified copy of a SAQA Certificate of Evaluation of the applicant's International qualifications is required for acceptance into AFDA programmes. This certificate is obtained from the South African Qualifications Authority – SAQA (www.saqa.org.za) The NQF Act, 67 of 2008, gives SAQA the mandate to, “with respect to International qualifications, provide an evaluation and advisory service consistent with this Act”.

SAQA fulfils this mandate through the Directorate of International Qualifications Evaluations and Advisory Services (DIQEAS). The work of DIQEAS helps to clarify the meaning of International qualifications for local use and links those qualifications to NQF levels so that the holders of International qualifications can take up work and study opportunities in South Africa.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Further information on how to apply for the certification of evaluation can be found on the website:

 <http://www.saqa.org.za/>

Feel free to contact our International Recruitment Office:

 <https://afda.co.za/about/your-questions-answered/>

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Finance & Bursaries



Fees

Please visit

 www.afda.co.za

to access AFDA's fee structures. Ensure to take note of the various fees and payment plan deadlines.



Bursaries

There are numerous organisations that offer bursaries and funding for students in need.

Download bursary information from

 <https://afda.co.za/admissions/study-loans/>

or contact your preferred campus for advice. Please ensure to take note of each bursary's specific criteria, application procedures and deadlines.



Study Loans

There are many study loan providers that AFDA students can apply to in order to finance their education. Students and their fee payers are advised to do research on which of the various South African banking institutions can offer them the best interest rate. Students and fee payers can also work with student funding organisations such as Manati Alternate Student Funding or Student Hero.

We recommend once you have received your AFDA acceptance letter via email, you use it to apply for a Study Loan in the year before you enrol and start studying at AFDA.

MANATI ALTERNATE STUDENT FUNDING:

 www.manati.co.za

 info@manati.co.za

 010 594 5398

STUDENT HERO:

 www.studenthero.co.za

 hello@studenthero.co.za

 031 942 7294

How to Apply


The Application Process

Your Journey to Enrolling as a Student at AFDA begins here:

STEP 1



APPLY ONLINE

Apply for your chosen course on  www.afda.co.za or at your preferred AFDA campus.

STEP 2



ACCEPTANCE LETTER & CAMPUS VISIT

Once you have submitted your application, you will receive feedback on your application via email within 7 working days. You can then book your consultation at your chosen campus so that we can answer any questions you might have. If you are unable to make it to a campus, we can arrange for a telephonic or Zoom consultation.

STEP 3



REGISTER

To guarantee your spot for the academic year, you need to pay a registration fee. Please remember to use your student number when you make the payment (the acceptance letter you received contains your student number). You can pay online or do an EFT payment at the bank.

STEP 4



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Enrolment is the final step to complete before beginning your studies for the year at AFDA. Every student, both new and returning, need to complete enrolment to ensure the documents submitted and the enrolment agreement signed is valid for the year ahead in which you will be studying at AFDA.

Quick & Easy

links to access
key information
about AFDA



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'Our actions create us'

('Sada tanisens gera kuru da')

The AFDA motto, a Khoisan expression



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