



What is it?

- Pilot
- An opportunity which partners 10-12 promising screenwriters with 10-12 independent production companies
- The writers will be paid to write the first episode of a potential original series for the BBC.
- Run by the BBC Writersroom



You can apply if:

- You have at least one professionally produced writing credit, a minimum of 30 minutes in length, in television, radio, theatre or film and/or you have a literary agent.
- You are aged 18 or over
- You are a permanent resident of the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man or Republic of Ireland.
- You have the right to work in the UK.



ACT ONE

FADE IN:

EXT. LOCATION #1 - NIGHT

Begin each new Act on a new page. On occasions, it may be necessary to indicate two characters speaking simultaneously. This should be used sparingly, but if you need to do it this is how.

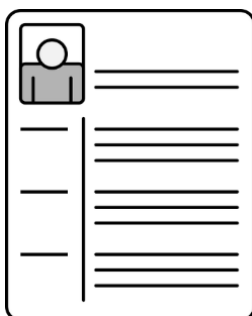
CHARACTER #1
Show your first character speaking on the left.

CHARACTER #2
While the character on the right tries to get a word in edgeways.

CHARACTER #2
And finally manages to achieve it. Try to limit the length of your overlapping dialogue.

What to submit:

- One complete television script in PDF format (minimum 50 pages).
- A one-page pitch outlining a potential series or serial idea for a BBC channel which is unconnected to your script submission.
- A CV detailing your writing experience which includes contact details of your literary agent AND/OR your produced credit(s)
- A paragraph on why you think taking part in Pilot 2024 would be beneficial for you at this stage of your writing career (250 words maximum).



- Please add some details if your script or pitch has already been in development outside this scheme



- a Diversity Monitoring Form (asking you questions about Ethnicity, Disability, Gender and sexuality)

If you do not want to answer them then please put 'prefer not to say'.

We do not accept:



- Submissions from writers who have already had an original series or serial in development (beyond treatment stage) with the BBC or have had a previous original series or serial commission from a BBC channel.
- Sample scripts written for Theatre, Radio or Film.
- Multiple submissions.
- Extracts. Each script submitted must be a complete episode.
- Scripts written for existing shows and/or characters.
- Prose or poetry.
- Comedy (sitcoms, series or sketch shows).



When to submit:

- The submission window opens on Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 10am.
- It closes on Tuesday 26th September 2023 at noon.



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Your Details

If you want to know why we need these details, take a look at our FAQ's.

Account Details

Email

Your email address (required)



How to submit:

- Read the full [Terms and Conditions of Entry](#)
- Use our E-Submissions system to submit here:
<https://esubmissions.external.bbc.co.uk/opportunities/mwcozlgz>

If you haven't submitted before, you'll need to create a free E-Submissions account before you apply.

- [Fill in this form](#)

It will ask for things like:

- Your name
- Where you live
- Your phone number and email
- A password

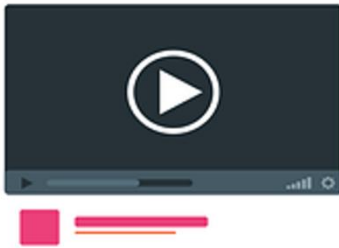


[Follow this link to view a downloadable PDF](#) which details what the applicants will be asked for in E-Submissions to help writers prepare offline before submitting via the system.



Further Support:

- If you have specific access requirements, then please contact writersroom@bbc.co.uk ahead of the deadline to discuss your application.



We have created these instructional videos:

- How to create an E-Submissions log in
- How to submit a script in E-Submissions

You can find both here: [E-Submissions: Help & FAQs](#)

Further Questions:

- [Read the Pilot: Entry FAQs](#)
- Read the [E-Submissions: Help & FAQs](#)
- Email writersroom@bbc.co.uk



You will receive a general auto reply when you email but we aim to personally answer any queries within 48 hours.