

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Golden Baklava Film Academy

10th International Student Film Festival

Participation Terms



1. The festival is open to submissions from **undergraduate and graduate (Master's/Ph.D.) students studying** in Türkiye or abroad.
2. The competition is open only to short films (fiction, documentary, animation, or AI-based films) produced by university students, including those who graduated in the 2023–2024–2025 academic years. The director of the film must have been officially enrolled as a student during the year the film was produced. The name of the faculty, department, or university must appear in the film credits.
3. The maximum duration for each submitted film is **20 minutes**.
4. Participation in the festival is free of charge.
5. Films that have previously been submitted to or awarded in other festivals are also eligible to apply.
6. There are no restrictions regarding the shooting format. However, films will be screened in **Full HD** in one of the following aspect ratios: **16:9 / 4:3 / 2.35**.
7. Submitted films must be in H.264 or .mov format, with a minimum resolution of **Full HD (1920x1080)**. Additionally, the films must be viewable via online video platforms (e.g., Vimeo, YouTube, etc.).
8. The following materials must be submitted together with the film:
Student certificate, **Trailer (maximum 1 minute)**, At least 5 stills from the film in .jpeg format, At least 5 behind-the-scenes photos in .jpeg format, **Film poster** (minimum size 50x70 cm, 300 dpi resolution), **Synopsis** (in .doc or .pdf format), **Director's biography and a portrait photograph**.
9. Submissions will be accepted only via the **FilmFreeway** platform.
10. Only films produced in **2023 or later** are eligible for submission.
11. Participants may submit more than one film.
12. All films will be screened in their original language. However, all submissions must include **English subtitles**.
13. Submitted films will be archived by Hasan Kalyoncu University, and the university reserves the following rights: Use of visuals and trailer/film stills for printed and online media related to the Golden Baklava Film Festival; Public screening of selected films; Inclusion of selected films in the university's institutional archive.
14. The submission deadline is **November 9, 2025, at 23:59 (Istanbul Time)**. Late submissions will not be considered.
15. Films will be evaluated by a pre-selection jury assigned by Hasan Kalyoncu University by **November 22, 2025**. Finalist films will be selected accordingly.
16. Films selected for the official program will be announced on the official festival website: www.altinbaklava.hku.edu.tr and finalists will be notified via FilmFreeway and e-mail.





- 17.** The festival jury reserves the right to award multiple films and to grant special recognitions, such as Honorable Mention awards.
- 18.** The organizational and executive authority of the festival belongs to Hasan Kalyoncu University, which holds the right to make final decisions on any issues that may arise during the festival.
- 19.** Any copyright issues arising from third-party materials used in the films are the sole responsibility of the applicant or the film's director. Hasan Kalyoncu University shall not be held liable for any disputes related to copyright or similar issues.
- 20.** All selected films will be screened as part of the 10th Golden Baklava International Student Film Festival.
- 21.** Hasan Kalyoncu University reserves the right to make amendments to the participation rules. The top three films in each category will receive awards (Award & Certificate of Participation & Plaque). If deemed appropriate, the jury may also award Honorable Mentions and the Hasan Kalyoncu Special Prize. Any unforeseen changes will be announced via the official website: www.altinbaklava.hku.edu.tr.
- 22.** Participation in the 10th Golden Baklava International Student Film Festival is subject to the 22 articles outlined above. By submitting a film, each applicant is deemed to have accepted all conditions in full.



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