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## Create NSW, BBC Studios and the AIDC announce six-month BBC UK placement for Doc star

Create NSW, BBC Studios Australia and the Australian International Documentary Conference (AIDC) have teamed up to launch a search for a talented mid-career documentary producer/director, who will be offered a unique opportunity to work alongside some of the best documentary makers in the world.

The *Unscripted International Producer Placement* (UIPP) initiative will provide \$50,000 to support a NSW-based documentary maker as they work alongside the BBC Studios documentary team in the UK for up to six months. This award-winning team produces internationally-renowned documentaries, including those from Louis Theroux, *Blue Planet II*, *Life and Death Row* and *Stargazing Live*. The successful applicant will be placed with a team that suits their experience and area of interest.

In addition, the six shortlisted applicants will receive travel, accommodation and discounted entry to the Melbourne-based AIDC conference from 3-6 March next year, where the final recipient will be announced on the closing night.

Applicants must be a mid-career producer and/or director with at least two documentary broadcast credits (television broadcast or theatrical release) and must submit at least one in-development documentary project with international appeal, to be further developed over the course of the placement.

Executive Director for Create Investment and Engagement, Elizabeth W. Scott said, "This placement is an incredible and a genuinely once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and we're thrilled to be able to make it happen with our partners. Crafting internationally-supported career development opportunities like this for NSW creatives will help drive the sector forward and I have no doubt that this will be a fascinating ride for our recipient."

BBC Studios ANZ Director of Production, Kylie Washington, said, "As we launch our new production arm in Australia, we're proud to be able to support the rich talent base in NSW with this documentary placement at BBC Studios in the UK. This is the first step on our journey to work closely with the local production industry and we are so grateful to Create NSW and the AIDC for helping to make this happen."

AIDC CEO & Conference Director, Alice Burgin, said, "Thinking big and getting inspired is our focus for AIDC 2019, and this incredible opportunity will provide one talented mid-career practitioner the chance to do just that! This attachment will be career-defining, so we are incredibly happy to be collaborating with BBC Studios and Create NSW to bring it to life."

**Applications for the *Unscripted International Producer Placement* are now open and close at midnight Wednesday 9 January 2019.** For guidelines and applications, visit: <http://screen.nsw.gov.au/funding/industry-support/unscripted-international-producer-placement-initiative-2019>

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**Create NSW** is committed to supporting increased participation in the industry of people from underrepresented groups including women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, people with disability, LGBTQI people, people from Western Sydney and people from regional NSW. Priority will be given to applicants from under-represented groups.

**BBC Studios**, a global content company with British creativity at its heart, is a commercial subsidiary of the BBC Group. Its production teams have received over 100 awards and 200 nominations in the past year, making BBC Studios the most awarded producer in the UK. It has nine international production bases and formats businesses outside of the UK – Australia, the USA, France and India as well as joint ventures and partners in Germany, South Africa, the Nordics, Brazil and Benelux. Jon Penn is the Managing Director of BBC Studios in Australia and New Zealand, overseeing distribution, production and all ancillary business. Kylie Washington heads up the new production arm, having joined BBC Studios in September 2018.

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**The Australian International Documentary Conference (AIDC)** is the premier event for Australia's documentary and factual screen industry. Held annually at the Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) in Melbourne and featuring an international marketplace, forum and screening program, AIDC is an essential gathering of non-fiction screen storytellers and decision makers from Australia, the Asia-Pacific and beyond. Registration for AIDC 2019 is currently open at [www.aidc.com.au](http://www.aidc.com.au).

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