



Submissions Open – International Competition - Cuórum Festival 2025

Parte 1. General Information

1.1 About Fundación Cuórum Morelia A.C.

CUÓRUM is committed to showcasing a bold and innovative selection of independent films focused on sexual and gender diversity. Dedicating to supporting independent cinema, CUÓRUM has established itself as a key platform for discovering diverse new talent and fostering dialogue around the most relevant LGBTQ* international cinema.

The 10th edition of CUÓRUM will take place from November 27th to the 30th, 2025, in Mérida, Yucatán, México.

1.2 Program Design

CUORUM'S program is formed into competitive and non-competitive sections, as well as workshops.

Non-Competitive Programs:

- Mirador: National premieres of long-feature independent films.
- Tributes: Special screenings dedicated to prominent film auteurs.
- Special Invitations: Participation of independent film festivals, or cultural initiatives focused on diversity, equity, inclusion and justice.

Competitive Program:

- International Competition (biennial): Short and medium-length independent films.

1.2.1 International Competition and Awards

As the core of our film program, the International Short and Medium-Length Film Competition aims to promote visionary artists from around the world. The selection is curated by a Programming Committee.

Camelina de Plata Award by Sangre de mi Sangre

This award will be granted by an international jury to one outstanding film in competition. It includes a printed diploma and a cash prize of \$10,000.00 MXN.

Up to two special mentions can be recognized in areas such as directing, screenwriting, acting, editing, cinematography, art direction, sound or music. These include printed diplomas.

Cuorum Audience Award

All films of the International Competition that has its premiere in Mérida are eligible for this award, based on in-person and digital audience votes. The prize consists of a printed diploma and a monetary award to be confirmed.

Parte 2. Submissions - International Competition

Submissions are free of charge and open for short and medium-length films through online submission form until August 15, 2025.

Eligibility:

- Films of fiction, documentary, animation, experimental cinema, video essay, or hybrid formats.
- Completed after January 1, 2024.
- Maximum duration: 63 minutes, including credits.
- If the film is not in Spanish or English, it must include subtitles in either of these two languages.
- Preference will be given to national or international premieres.

Criteria:

- Complete the [online application form](#).
- Provide an online private viewing link.
- If a download link is provided, it must not expire, and the file must be under 3GB.
- Indicate if it is a final work or a work in progress.

Submitting a film implies full acceptance of these regulations.

Parte 3. Selection - International Competition

The Programming Committee will select the films in competition. Their decision is final.

- Results will be announced in September on the festival website and social channels.
- Once selected, the film cannot be withdrawn or screened at another event in Mexico during the festival dates.
- The production team must maintain confidentiality regarding the selection until its official announcement.

Required materials for film selected:

- Full technical sheet.
- Director's biography.
- Film stills and director's portrait.
- Promotional Materials (poster, flyers, postcards) in digital or printed.

With the production's authorization, the Festival may use up to 2 minutes of excerpts for communication purposes.

The final screening schedule will be determined by the festival and shared in advance with the production.

Accommodations and meals during the festival will be provided by CUORUM for two participants per film.

Travel transportation expenses to Mérida must be covered by the participants. A limited number of partial grants may be offered to help cover transportation costs. These are not granted automatically and must be requested by selected participants.

Exhibition format:

- Copies must be delivered in digital format (DM).
- Films will be screened in their original language. If not in Spanish, they must include embedded Spanish subtitles.

Selected films in the International Competition agree to participate -with prior notification and authorization from the production- in the Itineracy 2026, which seeks to expand the festival's impact through special non-commercial screenings across Mexico.

Selected films must include the phrase "International Competition" and the official festival logo in their communication materials. The logo is available on the festival's website.

Parte 4. Jury - International Competition

- The Jury will be appointed by the Organizing Committee and will consist of three to five members.

- Individuals directly related to films in competition cannot serve as jury members.
- Votes will be secret and final. with decisions made by a simple majority.
- A Festival representative may attend deliberations without voting rights.
- Jury members must maintain confidentiality until the award ceremony.