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### Toronto Talent Lab, Canada

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Toronto Talent Lab and Skillset are excited to once again present an opportunity for two talented Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) filmmakers to participate in the Talent Lab programme.

Talent Lab is an artistic development programme held during the Toronto International Film Festival that provides emerging talent with an unparalleled creative experience through an introduction to the global community of filmmaking. Over a four-day period, selected participants will be given the opportunity to interact with, and learn from, internationally acclaimed filmmakers.

Participants benefit from the guidance and expertise of Talent Lab guests who have previously included: Terry Gilliam, Gus Van Sant, Gurinder Chadha, Kevin Spacey, Neil Jordan, Atom Egoyan and Paul Haggis.

"Being a part of the Lab was an amazing privilege. Skillset plucked us up from London and took us right into the heart of one of the biggest film festivals in the world, and gave us a chance to learn and interact with some of the best filmmakers working in the industry today." **David Alexander, Director, Talent Lab Participant 2007**

Applications will be assessed and participants chosen through a jury process. On the jury Janine Marmot, Skillset's Director of Film, will be joined by Lenny Crooks and Sally Caplan (UKFC), Chris Collins (producer, My Summer of Love and Brick Lane), Marc Boothe (Bullet Boy) and Noel Clarke (writer/director of Adulthood) amongst others yet to be confirmed.

#### **Eligibility requirements**

We seek applications from highly-motivated, passionate writers, directors and producers who have demonstrable professional experience and credits within their field through the production of the following;

- a feature length fiction or documentary film  
or
- two short films, either commissioned by television or which have screened in festivals in the UK and/or abroad.

You must be available from 2 – 7 September 2008 inclusive to travel to Toronto, Canada. Your travel and accommodation will be paid, supported by Skillset and the British Council.

The joint Skillset and Talent Lab initiative is delivered under clause 37 of the Race Relations Act which allows training organisations to run programmes for people from black and ethnic origin groups which have been demonstrated to be under represented in a particular industry.

### **How to apply**

You can download an application form from our website at [www.skillset.org/talentlab](http://www.skillset.org/talentlab). Alternatively you can call 020 7713 9855 or email [simong@skillset.org](mailto:simong@skillset.org) to request a form to be emailed to you.

For more information on the festival visit the [Toronto International Film Festival \(TIFF\)](http://www.tiff.ca) website.

The closing date for applications is **12pm Tuesday 29 July**. Applications should be delivered or posted to:

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