

# Big Fish School of Digital Filmmaking

## Student financial aid

Big Fish School of Digital Filmmaking is a Section 21 company, with less than 10% of all learners being paying students.

Big Fish has been regularly funded by organisations over a number of years and contribution to our funding is not limited to organisations who are involved in the film and TV industry - many organisations with no ties to the industry have funded training over the years.

Big Fish has partnerships with Absa CSI as their flagship project on entrepreneurship development, with Cape Film Commission (CFC) as their preferred training provider and Gauteng Film Commission (GFC) to work on short courses and productions for 2011. Big Fish also has a training partnership with Saatchi and Saatchi.

In 2006 Big Fish was the flagship project for Investing in Culture for Department of Arts and Culture (DAC).

Other funders include:

- MultiChoice
- Ford Foundation
- National Lottery
- MICT Seta

Dependant on the funding, students who have been through the selection process and accepted on a Big Fish programme receive the following benefits for the duration of the course:

- All tuition
- A monthly or weekly stipend
- Production budget
- Accommodation (funding allowing)
- Driver's license (funding allowing)

Big Fish also has a relationship with Absa Bank for student loans should an applicant not qualify for the bursary system.