

## New internship offers filmmakers Singapore experience

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Doc Edge, Beach House Pictures (Singapore) and the Asia New Zealand Foundation Te Whītau Tūhono are excited to announce a new internship for documentary filmmakers which will see them working with one of Asia's leading production houses in Singapore.

The two-month internship is being offered to documentary filmmakers with two to five years' experience and is a unique opportunity to work on documentaries for international audiences in a supportive setting.

Recognising the need to continue to grow the knowledge, experience and content to facilitate increased cooperation between New Zealand and Asia, and in particular Southeast Asia, all three organisations are committed to developing this opportunity.

Doc Edge took the initiative to identify an opportunity to bring the parties together to bring about this internship.

Doc Edge Director Alex Lee says: "This is an important step to develop our documentary practitioners' connections with an increasingly important centre of screen production and audience market. This internship fits our kaupapa (mission) of continuing to develop and find new opportunities for NZ documentary practitioners."

Beach House Pictures Creative Director Donovan Chan says: "Beach House Pictures is constantly on the hunt for the best story ideas and storytellers from Asia, for the world. We have always known New Zealand harbours tremendous talent in documentary filmmaking. This is a terrific opportunity to work with Doc Edge, New Zealand's leading documentary advocate and organisation, to identify new talent to join our international team in Singapore."

Asia New Zealand Foundation Director of Business Felicity Roxburgh adds: "We're committed to providing experiences that help New Zealanders build their knowledge, skills and confidence to thrive in Asia. This is one of more than a dozen internships we now offer in Asia, but we're particularly excited about this partnership because it's our first in the screen industry."

Motivated filmmakers can find out more and apply on the Doc Edge website – applications close at 5pm on May 24.

To be eligible for the internship, applicants must register and attend the two-day Doc Edge Forum in Auckland, May 31-June 1.

Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed during the Forum by representatives of Doc Edge, Beach House Pictures and Asia New Zealand Foundation.

The successful applicant will receive:

- a. an honorarium for the period of the internship from Beach House Pictures.
- b. travel and accommodation support along with some additional living allowance from Asia New Zealand Foundation.

For more details as to terms and conditions and to apply, go to  
<http://docedge.nz/international/singapore-internship/>

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#### About Doc Edge

[Doc Edge](#) is run by Documentary NZ Trust, NZ's national documentary organisation. Established in 2004 as a not-for-profit body, it advocates for documentary filmmaking and runs Doc Edge International Film Festival, Doc Edge Forum & Pitch, Doc Edge Clinics, Doc Edge Schools, Doc Edge On-Demand. It works to increase opportunities and international collaborations through new initiatives to increase funding and support for documentary makers. Doc Edge International Documentary Film Festival is an Academy Award ® film festival and the winners of the best international local awards are considered for consideration at the Oscars.

#### About Beach House Pictures

Singapore-headquartered Beach House Pictures (BHP) has produced such highly rated series as the Sir David Attenborough narrated Wild City (CNA), Asia's Next Top Model Cycle 3 (Starworld, Fox International), China From Above (Nat Geo), MasterChef Singapore, (Channel 5, MediaCorp) and Ed Stafford: First Man Out (Discovery International). Together with its teams in the US, Canada, China, Australia and Taiwan, it has built a reputation for creating new and exciting factual content that is watched worldwide. To date, BHP has produced over 500 hours of HD and UHD content, across a wide variety of genres – from travel to science, kids to reality formats and food to wildlife. From 2014, BHP expanded its capabilities and brand by launching four new divisions – Beach House Kids (children's content), Beach House Entertainment (drama, formats), Beach House Studios (animation, VR/AR) and Beach House Labs (Digital, Branded). BHP is a multiple international awards winner and has been credited for four consecutive years, (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019) in Realscreen Television's Global 100 list of the world's most innovative and influential production companies.

#### About Asia New Zealand Foundation

The Asia New Zealand Foundation Te Whītau Tūhono is New Zealand's leading non-government authority on Asia. It is a non-partisan, non-profit organisation, set up in 1994 to build New Zealanders' knowledge and understanding of Asia. It relies on a mix of public, philanthropic and corporate funding. With 20 staff in Auckland and Wellington, the Foundation is overseen by a board of trustees drawn from business, community, academic and leadership backgrounds. It is supported by a panel of honorary advisers from across Asia. is New Zealand's leading authority on Asia. It provides experiences and resources to help New Zealanders build their knowledge, skills and confidence to thrive in Asia.