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Bob Plasto Screen Fellowship

Territory filmmakers and screen practitioners are being encouraged to apply for the \$20 000 Bob Plasto Screen Fellowship as part of the 2009-10 Screen Grants Funding Program launched in Alice Springs yesterday, 16 September 2009.

Northern Territory Film Office Director Penelope McDonald said the Bob Plasto Screen Fellowship aims to support the professional development of screen practitioners with a commitment to achieving excellence and innovation in screen practice.

“The fellowship was established in honour of the late Bob Plasto, a renowned documentary filmmaker from the Northern Territory who made 75 documentaries including 20 about the Territory,” Ms McDonald said.

“Bob Plasto was passionate about the people and places of the Northern Territory and has made a significant contribution to the development of the screen industry in the Territory.

“Applications for the Bob Plasto Screen Fellowship can be for formal or informal study, residencies, attachments, mentorships, research or other proposals that show clear benefits to themselves and the Northern Territory screen industry.”

The Bob Plasto Screen Fellowship was launched in 2008 to honour achievements by Territorians in the screen industry.

“The selection panel decided to split the fellowship between two successful applicants for the inaugural Bob Plasto Screen Fellowship,” Ms McDonald said.

“Merrill Bray and Eleanor Hogan each received \$10 000 and have used the funding to further their skills and extend their approach to screen practice.

“Merrill is currently studying a graduate Certificate in Screen Drama – Directing and Screenwriting at the Australian Film, Television and Radio School and will be returning to Alice Springs to put her skills into practice at the end of the year.

“Eleanor designed a script development mentorship with renowned script editor Annette Blonski (*My Tehran for Sale*, *Four of a Kind*) and is working on a feature film.”

Guidelines and application forms for the Bob Plasto Screen Fellowship 2009-10 are now online on the Northern Territory Film Office website www.film.nt.com.au.

Applications close 5pm Friday, 13 November 2009.

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