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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **ANIMATION AND VFX \$100K PILOT PROGRAM TO BOOST NSW DIGITAL SCREEN TALENT**

The NSW Government today announced a new *Animation and VFX Trainee Placement Pilot Program* from Screen NSW with leading Australian visual effects and creative digital studios Animal Logic and Cutting Edge.

Commencing February 2021, the inaugural pilot program will provide skills development, mentorship and training for up to five emerging professionals in the animation and visual effects industry.

Minister for the Arts, Don Harwin said “With the international film industry increasingly looking at NSW as a COVID-safe location, and our plans to grow our capacity in this sector, investment in long term education and training programs is essential to develop and mentor local talent.

“This new program will provide development opportunities for emerging talent within the creative and technical area of VFX and digital production, ensuring our industry maintains a competitive edge worldwide,” said Mr Harwin.

Animal Logic’s Chief Operations Officer, Sharon Taylor said “Animal Logic is thrilled to be partnering once again with Screen NSW to provide animation traineeships for artists in NSW. Introducing future talent to the pace of a professional studio has proved to be an invaluable experience for everyone involved and we can’t wait to open our doors to the cohort of trainees.”

Marcus Bolton, Head of Features & Television, Cutting Edge said “We are excited and proud to be involved in this initiative with Screen NSW. As a part of the post-production community I feel in these times, where opportunities are simply not presenting themselves, we have a responsibility to nurture talent like never before.”

Screen NSW will contribute up to \$20,000 towards employment costs for each trainee to undertake a six-month placement with Animal Logic or Cutting Edge. Trainees will be considered by their host organisation for permanent positions upon completion of the program.

Applications are now open and close at 5pm on Wednesday 2 December 2020. For information and to apply, visit the [Screen NSW website](#).

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