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The C Word: What Makes a Film Canadian? Canadian Film Checklist

The Higher Learning staff curate digital resource packages to complement and offer further context to the topics and themes discussed during the various Higher Learning events held at TIFF Bell Lightbox. These filmographies, bibliographies, and additional resources include works directly related to guest speakers' work and careers, and provide additional inspirations and topics to consider; these materials are meant to serve as a jumping-off point for further research. Please refer to the event video to see how topics and themes relate to the Higher Learning event.

The following criteria have been used by different funding bodies to determine project eligibility. Not all of these criteria may be required for all applications. This list is not considered complete or exhaustive of all of the criteria that may be used to determine a project's eligibility.

- be under Canadian ownership; that is, the copyright must be held by Canadians;
- be written in English, French or in an Aboriginal language by a Canadian;
- be intended to be a Canadian feature-length fictional film or an Audiovisual Treaty Coproduction
- be intended to be eligible for production funding under the main CFFF production guidelines, with either certification by CAVCO as a "Canadian film or video production" with a minimum of 8 out of 10 points under the provisions of the Income Tax Act, or with recognition as an Audiovisual Treaty Coproduction by the Minister of Canadian Heritage
- conform to the Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB) Code of Ethics and to all other programming standards endorsed by the CAB or the CRTC, and not contain any element that is an offence under the Criminal Code, is libellous or in any other way unlawful;
- be under Canadian financial and creative control;
- Directors, Producers, and/or Directors must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident

Visit the [Useful Tools](#) page on Telefilm Canada's website for scoring grids that will help assess a project's eligibility for funding.