

## Brief Overview of Talent Development Programs:

### [Disney/ABC Television Writing Fellowship](#)

In partnership with the Writers Guild of America, West, we are currently administering the 18th year of the Writing Fellowship. The Fellowship is designed to identify and employ a diverse pool of creative writing talent for both Television and Feature Film.

- The program is an intensive experience that involves workshops, seminars and personalized mentorship with creative executives from ABC Network, ABC Studios, Disney Channel, ABC Family, Lifetime Television and Buena Vista Motion Pictures Group.
- Fellows receive an annualized salary of \$50,000 and standard employee benefits.

### [The Disney ABC/DGA Directing Program](#)

- Undergoing a redesign. Stay tuned for more information.

### [Production Associates Program](#)

The Production Associates Program offers full-time work for twelve months to prepare and develop promising individuals for future advancement within the television industry.

The program offers access to entry-level positions within the television production field for individuals from diverse backgrounds. Through hands-on experience, candidates can develop an understanding of the fundamentals of studio television production in the areas of Production Management, Production Finance, Post-Production Management and Studio Crafts Management.

### [Casting Project](#)

The ABC Casting Project is an ongoing effort to find and develop diverse talent, including actors with disabilities, across the country. The Casting Project has set an industry standard for creating opportunities for actors through auditions and produced talent showcases. The 2007 Showcases were performed in October and November in New York and Los Angeles.

### [IAIA \(Institute for American Indian Arts\) Summer Workshop \(June through July\)](#)

This six week workshop for up to 10 writers and up to ten filmmakers is held on the IAIA campus, is designed to assist novice and experienced Native American screenwriters, filmmakers, directors and actors. The program also brings acclaimed executives, producers, screenwriters, directors and actors, both Native and non-Native, from the mainstream television and film worlds.

### [NHMC \(National Hispanic Media Coalition\) Writing Workshop \(Sponsored by ABC, NBC and Southwest Airlines\)](#)

This four-week Latino Television Writers Program takes place in Los Angeles, CA and provides flights, housing, meals and a weekly stipend to participants, whose task is to develop a spec script by the end of the workshop. The script is then distributed to network executives, with the goal of placing the writers on shows.