

# JOB OF THE WEEK



## SCREEN WRITER

Screenwriters write the stories or scripts for TV, films, and computer games.

### Skills

- ✓ Excellent writing ability
- ✓ Creativity & Imagination
- ✓ Accuracy & attention to detail
- ✓ Willingness to accept criticism
- ✓ Good presenting & networking skills
- ✓ Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines

### Salary

UK Average £30, 076

### Routes

Most screen writers' success depends on how popular their work is. Most combine their work with other things like teaching, editing, or lecturing. University courses include creative writing and script writing. Experience in journalism, advertising copywriting or acting can also help.

### Related Careers

Script Editor  
Assistant Director (TV)  
Author  
Literary Agent

### Qualifications

A relevant degree would be useful, or qualifications linked to English Literature. Screenwriting competitions are a good way to get noticed by broadcasters and regional screen agencies. You could also submit your work to the BBC Writers Room.

### Working Hours

Most screenwriters are freelance and self-employed so you get to set your own working hours. You'll usually work from home or an office, but will also attend meetings with agents, script editors and producers.

### Labour Market

UK jobs: 342, 899

Staffordshire jobs:  
413 (152<sup>th</sup> out of  
214 LEAs)

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