CECILIA NAKAMURA

Freelance Screenwriter

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SUMMARY

WGA-signatory freelance screenwriter with 8 years and 12 produced credits across Netflix, Hulu, and independent studios. Spec sold outright to Universal for $95,000 in 2022; 3 open-assignment deals totaling $340,000 since 2020. Nicholl Fellowship Semifinalist 2019. Represented by WME (lit). Specializes in thriller, dark comedy, and limited series formats.

EXPERIENCE

Freelance Screenwriter (WGA)

Netflix, Hulu, Universal Pictures, A24

Jan 2020 - Present Los Angeles, CA

WGA-signatory freelance writer on multiple open-assignment and spec deals.

- Sold original thriller spec to Universal Pictures for $95,000 outright in 2022; film entered development with $22M provisional budget
- Completed open-assignment drafts under 3 WGA deals totaling $340,000; all projects advanced to second-draft stage or beyond
- Earned $67,000 in WGA streaming residuals across 4 produced Netflix and Hulu projects over 3-year window

Freelance Screenwriter

Independent Productions

Aug 2016 - Dec 2019 Los Angeles, CA

Early-career freelance credits and spec work.

- Wrote and sold 2 original specs to independent production companies; 1 produced as a feature in 2018 (limited release, 42 screens)
- Placed as Nicholl Fellowship Semifinalist 2019; script received development interest from 3 major studios
- Maintained 100% on-time delivery rate across 7 freelance contracts over 4-year period

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Arts

USC School of Cinematic Arts

Sep 2010 - May 2014 Los Angeles, CA

Screenwriting · GPA: 3.8

SKILLS

Feature Spec Writing | Limited Series Pitching | WGA Open Assignment Deals | Script Doctoring | Final Draft | Arc Studio Pro | Treatment Writing | Pitch Deck Development