

# Ivan Rome

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## EXPERIENCE

### **The Gotham Film & Media Institute**

**(Gotham EDU Career Development Program)-New York, NY** Jul. 2023-

- Developing an outline for a new feature script with assistance from Gotham EDU staff.
- Attending panels & Q&A discussions with leaders in independent film.

### **Proximity Media**

**(Narrative Intern)-Los Angeles, CA**

Jun. 2022-Aug. 2022

- Provided script coverage and industry research to aid in film and TV development.
- Developed an original pitch to deliver to Proximity executives.
- Provided ad-hoc administrative support for the company.
- Met with industry professionals for wide-ranging insight into the filmmaking and development process.

### **Diverso Black Writers in Focus**

**(Black Writers in Focus Fellow)-New York, NY**

May 2021-Aug. 2021

- Developed sample alongside an executive and writing mentor.
- Shadowed two writers' rooms.
- Attended panels & workshops with top industry leaders including Karen Horne and Chloé Zhao.

### **The Gotham Film & Media Institute**

**(Narrative Programming Fellow)-New York, NY**

Mar. 2021-Jul. 2021

- Assist programmers on various projects related to year-round events and collaborations.
- Write detailed reviews to pre-screen lab submissions with oversight from programmers.

## EDUCATION

**Columbia University- New York, NY**

Completing Thesis Years (low-residency)

Masters of Fine Arts in Film

**University of Kentucky- Lexington, KY**

May 2019

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism

Dean's List, GPA: 3.6

## RECENT FILM FESTIVAL SELECTIONS

2023 Afrikana Independent Film Festival- Richmond, VA  
2023 American Black Film Festival- Miami, FL  
2023 Atlanta Film Festival - Atlanta, GA (World Premiere)  
2023 BronzeLens Film Festival - Atlanta, GA  
2023 deadCenter Film Festival - Oklahoma City, OK  
2023 Harlem Int'l Film Festival - New York, NY  
2023 Int'l Black Film Festival - Nashville, TN  
2023 Macon Film Festival - Macon, GA  
2023 National Black Film Festival - Houston, TX  
2023 Nevada City Film Festival - Nevada City, CA  
2023 Over-the-Rhine Int'l Film Festival - Cincinnati, OH  
2023 Roxbury Int'l Film Festival - Boston, MA  
2023 Sidewalk Film Festival - Birmingham, AL

## AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

**MTV Joel Schumacher & Sophia Cranshaw Scholarship**

May 2022

- Selected by The Gotham Film & Media Institute
- Scholarship awarded to talented LGBTQ+ and BIPOC students to hone career development.

**Bobby Kashif Cox Memorial Scholarship**

May 2022

- Selected by Columbia University Film Program and Bobby Kashif Cox Memorial Scholarship Committee
- Scholarship awarded to a rising 3rd year BIPOC Screenwriting student who demonstrates a unique and profound way of viewing the world and the human condition.

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- Blackhouse Foundation Facebook SEEN Black Filmmaker** Jan. 2021
- Selected by Facebook and The Blackhouse Foundation
  - Networking and industry education program for 100 selected black student filmmakers.
- Viji Jaganathan Scholarship for Cross-Cultural Understanding** Apr. 2019
- Issued by The University of Kentucky International Center
  - Endowed scholarship recognizing an individual who demonstrates leadership and ability in bridging cultural differences and who promotes communication among students of diverse nationalities at UK or in the Lexington Community.
- Spring 2019 UKY Film Festival Honorable Mention** Apr. 2019
- Issued by University of Kentucky Media Depot
  - Favorite film in the festival determined by the selection committee.
- Robert Thomas - L.A. Westley Kentucky Undergraduate Scholar of the Year** Mar. 2019
- Issued by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
  - Award acknowledging the academic achievement of an Undergraduate Brother exemplifying notable evidence of Scholarship and high academic aspiration.
- Robert Page, Jr. Award for Outstanding Non-Big XII Senior of the Year** Feb. 2019
- Issued by 42nd Annual Big XII Conference on Black Student Government
  - Scholarship awarded to a senior displaying outstanding leadership and academic achievement.
- Walter and Nellie Evans JAT General Excellence Scholarship** Aug. 2017
- Issued by University of Kentucky School of Journalism and Media
  - Academic scholarship awarded to students exhibiting academic excellence and dedication to a career in mass media.
- Patterson Scholarship** Aug. 2015
- Issued by University of Kentucky
  - Full four-year academic scholarship awarded for National Merit.

## CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS

### **The Elite List (PRESIDENT)**

- (UK Student Broadcast Program)-Lexington, KY** Aug. 2015 – May 2019
- Record, edit, and produced web shows and podcasts.
  - Collaborate with members to brainstorm ideas for upcoming episodes.
  - Report and run camera at major events such as 2016 Mr. and Ms. Black UK Pageant where I was the host aiding in the production and flow of the event.
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Rho Lambda Chapter** Nov. 2018- May 2019
- Community Service Chair
  - Parliamentarian
- Underground Perspective** Aug. 2015 – May 2019
- Meet with a diverse group of students to talk about social issues such as inclusion on campus
  - Collaborated with students to use media platforms to engage conversations on diversity and inclusion.
- University of Kentucky Association of Black Journalists** Aug. 2015 – May 2019
- Collaborate with students 10-12 students about fundraising events and on-campus involvement such as “Your Voice! Your Vote!” a week full of efforts to increase student registration.
  - Partnered with the MLK Center in 2015 to host events such as The Convo, a series of group discussions with Grammy Award winner, Amir Windom, and special guests such as Tatyana Ali and Malik Yoba.