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Baltic Centre for Media Excellence has prepared this newsletter for you. Here you will find useful information about grants and internships, seminars and workshops. Project supported by the Fund for Bilateral Relations of the EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanisms 2014- 2021.

Best wishes,  
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## Highlights

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## Grants

### II European Journalism COVID-19 Support Fund

The European Journalism Centre (EJC) and the Facebook Journalism Project have launched a \$3 million USD fund to support hundreds of communities, local and regional European news organizations. Emergency core funding will support community engagement, address critical business needs, and facilitate coverage of the pandemic.

EJC will prioritize grants for small and medium-sized news organizations supporting the communities most affected by the crisis.

Applications will open on April 16, 2020

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### II Allard Prize Photography Competition

Photographers are encouraged to submit entries year-round.

Entries should reflect themes of courage and leadership in combating corruption, especially through promoting transparency,

accountability, the rule of law, and of human rights and/or anti-corruption generally.

Each winning photograph will receive CAD \$1,000 and be featured on the Allard Prize website, with a brief description and the photographer's name, for six months.

Deadline - May 1, 2020

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## || Re:Baltica Small Grants in Estonia and Lithuania

Baltic Center for Investigative Journalism Re:Baltica announces a second round for applications for freelancers or journalists in the national media that have a great research idea but no time, money or skills to carry it out.

The aim is to allow more journalists to gain experience in the investigative journalism for public interest and/or of crossborder significance. Amount of the grant varies from 500 to 5000 USD.

Submit the application with your super idea in Russian or English by May 20th.

Deadline - May 20, 2020

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## || Kurt Schork Awards in International Journalism

Since its start in 2002, the Kurt Schork Memorial Fund has sought to support those journalists Kurt most admired, the freelancers and local reporters whose work is often poorly paid, mostly unsung and all too often fraught with danger.

The 19th annual call for awards is therefore now split into three categories:

- A Local Reporter award that recognizes the often overlooked work of journalists in developing nations or countries in transition;
- A Freelance award for those journalists who travel to the world's conflict zones;
- A News Fixer award rewarding local journalists and/or experts, hired by a visiting foreign reporter or news organization.

Each award is for \$5,000 and will be presented at a prestigious ceremony in London in late September 2020.

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## II Coronavirus News Collaboration Challenge

The Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting is seeking proposals that develop innovative approaches to reporting on the novel COVID-19 crisis using collaboration among journalists and newsrooms across state lines or national borders.

Proposals should break traditional notions of scooping and competition and instead use the power of sharing and collaboration to increase reporting capacity and expand the reach and impact of stories.

Deadline - Proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

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### INTERNEWS

## Rapid Response Fund

Global non-profit Internews launches a rapid response fund to help small, local news organizations worldwide survive in the face of COVID-19. The fund will launch with \$100,000 to be made available immediately and is targeting \$1 million in donations to provide immediate support for journalists globally. How much are the grants? \$500 - \$5000.

The new rapid response fund will give Internews' local media partners – such as community radio stations and online news outlets in more than 80 countries – access to emergency funding so they can continue to operate in

### IWMF

## Journalism Relief Fund

Women-identifying journalists who are experiencing significant financial hardship as a direct result of the pandemic, who urgently need assistance to avoid severe, irreversible outcomes. This fund will provide small grants of up to \$2,000 USD per request. However, special consideration will be given on a case-by-case basis to those who have greater financial need.

Proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

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## WEBINARS

### II Covering COVID-19: Webinars with Experts

These ongoing webinars are part of new Global Health Crisis Reporting Forum, launched in partnership with ICFJ's International Journalists' Network (IJNet).

Past Webinars you can read the key quotes from: The Origin of COVID-19 and Self-Protection Measures; How is COVID-19 Affecting Children?; Lessons Learned from the Ebola Epidemic: What We Can Do Now in Response to COVID-19, etc.

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### II Reporting and COVID-19: A Webinar Series for Journalists

Columbia Journalism School's Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma goes for a series of online conversations about the challenges of reporting amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Led by Dart Center executive director Bruce Shapiro, you will take quick, deep dives with authoritative experts, news innovators and journalistic colleagues navigating the crisis at the local, regional and global level – sharing lessons learned, common struggles and innovative approaches.

Past conversations covered the following topics: Covering Covid-19 on a State and Local Level; Learning from Past Pandemics: Bridging the Science Gap; Learning from Past Pandemics: Covering Ebola.

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## TRAININGS

### II Investigative Journalism in the Open

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David A. Fahrenthold is a Washington Post reporter covering the Trump family and its business interests. He has been at The Washington Post since 2000, and previously covered Congress, the federal bureaucracy, the environment and the D.C. police. He has been a regular contributor on CNN and MSNBC.

Now David A. Fahrenthold shares the techniques of his trade, career advice and inspiration for the future of investigative journalism on a beat.

This lively lecture contains many real-life examples from David's work, from reporting on the "National Muskrat Skinning Championship" to crowd-sourcing his investigation of the Trump Foundation on Twitter.

You can also skip to the case studies for an in-depth look at his coverage of Trump business interests, for which he won a Pulitzer Prize in 2017.

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## || Poynter's News University

The Poynter Institute founded in 1975, is an inspirational place but also a practical one, connecting the varied crafts of journalism to its higher mission and purpose. Today the News University course catalog features more than 100 interactive courses for people interested in journalism.

Many free courses are available. For example: "Clear, Strong Writing for Broadcast Journalism"; "Powerful Writing: Leverage Your Video and Sound"; "Conducting Interviews That Matter", and much more.

Deadline - free till May 31, 2020, using the code 20COLLEGE100

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## || Digital Security Free Training

Totem aims to provide a platform where trainers can continue to exchange new knowledge about digital security and privacy with learners they have trained in the past via frequently updated curricula. This enables activists and journalists to retain and improve their knowledge about the topics that they have received previous training on.

Featured courses: Secure messaging apps; Phishing attacks;

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## BCME statement

### News is a competitive business...

But the media sector is being squeezed like never before – faced with massively reduced income at the same time as a greatly increased demand for its services. It is appropriate for the industry to support each other and promote the benefits of public service journalism in a time of crisis.

That is why Baltic Center for Media Excellence has launched special Facebook group for Baltic journalists covering COVID-19.

There you will find there useful links, tips&tools, grants and webinars announcements. Join us.

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