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

Best wishes,  
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## Highlights

Grants/Fellowships Opportunities

## || René Payot scholarship

Journalists born after January 1, 1993 and with little professional journalistic experience are invited to apply.

The winner will complete one or more courses in radio journalism in one or more radio newsrooms that are members of the Médias Francophones Publics: Radio-Canada, France Médias Monde (RFI), Radio France, RTBF (Radio Télévision Belge Francophones) and RTS (Radio Télévision Suisse).

The grant covers up to EUR 7,000, including travel and living expenses where the winner chooses to carry out his or her professional training. The internship will last at least three months.

Deadline - April 16, 2021

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## || Grant available for visual storytelling

Photographers, visual journalists, videographers, illustrators, 3D artists and writers can apply for this program.

Shutterstock has launched The Create Fund, a grant program that provides support for artists focusing on diversity, inclusion, social justice, and environmental awareness. The initiative is accepting projects under the theme "Through Their Eyes," which celebrates the perspective of female and non-binary creatives.

Selected projects will receive US\$5,000 for first place and US\$2,500 for second and third places.

Deadline - April 22, 2021

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## || Pulitzer grant for crisis reporting available

Journalists who reside outside the United States and Western Europe interested in crisis reporting can apply for a US\$5,000 grant.

The Persephone Miel Fellowship will fund a reporting project that focuses on a global crisis underreported in the mainstream

American media. The fellowships are open to journalists, writers, photographers, radio producers or filmmakers; staff journalists as well as freelancers and media professionals who are seeking to report from their home country.

Women are strongly encouraged to apply. Applicants must be proficient in English.

Deadline - April 23, 2021

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## || Google News Initiative offers fellowship

Journalism students and recent graduates can apply for this paid summer program.

The Google News Initiative, in partnership with the European Journalism Centre, will select 30 candidates for its fellowship.

Fellows will work in a newsroom in Europe between July and October while having access to mentorship, training and networking opportunities.

Candidates must be from or live in the same country as the

newsroom of their choice.

Deadline - April 25, 2021

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## Opportunities

### || Science journalism contest open

Science journalists can enter this contest.

The European Federation for Science Journalism is accepting candidates for its European Science Journalist of the Year 2021. The first place winner will receive EUR1,000. The second and third place winners will be awarded EUR300 and EUR200.

Works must have been published in 2020. If the original piece is not in English, an English translation must be included.

Deadline - April 19, 2021

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## Freelance, local journalism contest open

Print and online journalists worldwide can apply for an award.

The Kurt Schork Memorial Fund, in partnership with the Thomson Reuters Foundation, organizes the Kurt Schork Awards in International Journalism, honoring the work of freelance journalists and of local reporters and fixers in developing countries or nations in transition who often otherwise receive little recognition.

The awards feature three categories: freelance journalists covering international news, local reporters covering events in their home country or region and news fixers. Each winner receives a US\$5,000 prize at a ceremony in London.

The stories can be about conflict, human rights, cross-border issues or any controversial matter in a particular country or region. Each submission must demonstrate professionalism, meet international journalistic standards and provide evidence that courage and determination were required to cover the story.

All articles must be translated into English and have been published between June 1, 2020 and May 31, 2021.

Deadline - May 31, 2021

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## Google News Initiative Digital Growth Program

Google News Initiative (GNI) Digital Growth Program has been designed with industry experts and news publishers across the world to help small and medium sized news organizations grow their digital businesses, through a range of free playbooks, interactive exercises, digital workshops and labs.

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## Reporting: The Essential Toolkit

The Thomson Foundation offers the course "International Reporting: The Essential Toolkit," produced by One World Media. The course is divided into three sections: how to tell a compelling story about a broader issue, what to do before and during your reporting, and safety and security concerns.

This is a self-paced course that can be taken at any time.

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## Online Course on vaccine reporting

Journalists interested in improving their coverage of COVID-19 can enroll in this course. Topics include how vaccines were achieved against COVID-19, the efficacy of the different vaccine formulas, plans for distributing the vaccines and more.

Registration is ongoing.

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## NewsSpectrum Fellowships: Uniting minority- and majority-language media in Europe

The International Press Institute (IPI) and the European Association of Daily Newspapers in Minority and Regional

Languages (MIDAS) are excited to announce the launch of NewsSpectrum, a fellowship programme designed to encourage working partnerships between minority-language media, including migrant-language media, and their majority-language counterparts across the EU.

NewsSpectrum will provide a total of €480,000 in grants to media professionals working in minority- and majority-language media outlets through two fellowship programmes, the Collaborative Reporting Fellowships and the Professional Placement Fellowship.

**Full details on eligibility and the application process will be published in April 2021. Stay tuned!**

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## Poynter hosts course on trust building

Journalists who want to learn strategies to earn their communities' trust can take this course.

Poynter offers the self-directed, online course "How any journalist

can earn Trust."

The training is divided into 10 modules: perceptions of news; tell your audience who you are, explain your ethics and values; transparency: why it's important and how to do it day-to-day; building trust into beats; engaging with your audience; separate opinion content from news; connecting revenue to trust; build trust by helping people navigate the news; and next steps.

The course is free and can be taken at any time.

Registration is ongoing.

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## DEADLINE EXTENDED: Boris Nemtsov Summer School of Journalism in Prague

The Boris Nemtsov Summer School of Journalism and Cultural Studies is a three-week, fully-funded program to educate young journalists, bloggers, media activists, and researchers from Russia, Ukraine, the CIS region, Europe, and the U.S. on the core principles and norms of high-quality modern journalism.

The School is run by the Boris Nemtsov Foundation and hosted at the Faculty of Arts, Charles University (Prague, Czech Republic) between mid-July and early August. The study program includes: academic sessions taught by leading journalists and media experts; workshops on the basics of filming; editing; and SMM-distribution.

All participants must develop media projects for the completion of the study program.

Deadline - April 10, 2021

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