



Jack Webster Foundation Professional Development Fellowships

For print, broadcast and online news journalists

Imagine the possibilities for professional development

**Deadline for Applications:
February 27, 2012**

The Jack Webster Foundation
Established in 1986 to recognize
and encourage excellence in BC
journalism

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The Jack Webster Foundation offers eligible BC journalists the opportunity to attend the Poynter Institute in Florida for short-term professional development courses or to create a self-defined fellowship for research or enhancement of skills.

Fifty-three BC journalists have received fellowship funding from the Jack Webster Foundation. Many have attended the Poynter Institute for courses such as Managing People and Plans for Breaking News, Leadership for New Managers, TV Power Reporting: Telling Stronger Stories, Online Leadership Seminar, Poynter's Leadership Academy, Backpack Journalist, and Essential Skills for the Essential Journalist.

Since the program's inception in 2001, journalists have also created their own programs or attended specialized journalism programs. From an Investigative camp at Missouri School of Journalism to research for a documentary, the Jack Webster Foundation welcomes applications that assist BC journalists in pursuing professional development.

One Poynter Institute fellowship award will be presented in the name of the late Don Matheson, a former BC reporter. This fellowship is designed for a BC-born journalist.

Eligibility

A British Columbia news journalist that is a resident and/or a fulltime employee or correspondent for a BC print, broadcast or an online news organization is eligible to apply. Also, self-employed or freelance journalists whose work has been aired or published continuously over a three-year period are eligible for a Jack Webster Foundation fellowship. Applications from BC journalism educators are also welcome.

Fellowship Funding

Up to a total of \$12,000 will be available. The Jack Webster Foundation will make the final determination as to the amount and division of the funds depending on the submissions received.

Selection

The Jack Webster Foundation will announce the recipients by the end of March, 2012. Recipients will have until February 28, 2013 to complete their fellowships, though recipients may request an extension.

How to Apply

Poynter Institute Fellowship

You will apply for the Fellowship and, if selected, you will then apply to the Poynter for admission into the seminar that you wish to attend and one alternative in case your first choice is not available. The Poynter website outlines the steps necessary to apply.

Please provide the following in triplicate:

- Completed application form
- Current resume
- A statement or essay of 250-500 words describing your daily duties, the relevance of the seminar to your job, your goals for the seminar and how you will apply the training back in your newsroom.
- A letter from your employer supporting the application and confirming your availability to participate

Self Defined Fellowship

Please send your completed application form along with your current resume, covering letter, details about your project and a budget to the Jack Webster Foundation. Three reference letters are required as well. For complete requirements, see the application form on page two.

Past Recipients

2011

Jessica Barrett, *WE Vancouver*
Sharon Bates, *Global TV*
Robert Doane, *CBC Prince George*
Sandra Hermiston, *CTV*
Gordon Hoekstra, *Prince George Citizen*
Katie Mercer, *The Province*
Dene Moore, *The Canadian Press*

2010

Bal Brach, *Global TV*
Jill Bennett, *CKNW Newstalk 980*
Audrea Chang, *Fairchild TV*
Lisa Johnson, *CBC News*
Mona Mattei, *Boundary Sentinel*
Gillian Shaw, *Vancouver Sun*



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DATE

APPLICANT'S NAME

APPLICANT'S MAILING ADDRESS

TELEPHONE (OFFICE)

(CELL)

(RESIDENCE)

EMAIL

I am applying for: (please check)

Poynter Institute Fellowship

Place of birth: _____

As the Jack Webster Foundation offers one Poynter Institute fellowship that is designed for a BC-born journalist, please include your birthplace, if born in BC.

For Poynter Institute Fellowships, please attach the following in triplicate:

- Completed application form
- Current resumé
- A letter from your employer supporting the application and confirming your availability to participate
- A statement or essay of 250-500 words describing your daily duties, the relevance of the seminar to your job, your goals for the seminar and how you will apply the training back in your newsroom.

Self Defined Fellowship

Research-based Fellowship

Skills-enhancement Fellowship

For Self Defined fellowship please indicate total funds requested: _____

For Self Defined Fellowship, please attach the following in triplicate:

- Completed application form
- Covering letter which provides an overview of the application
- An outline (up to four pages) of the application including:
 - purpose, timing
 - details of the project or specific courses/studies to be undertaken,
 - output including future use of the material, benefits to applicant, media and community
- Budget – breakdown of your expenses including, if applicable, travel, course fees, income replacement, etc.
- Current resume
- A letter from your employer, if applicable, supporting the application and indicating your availability to participate
- Three reference letters