

2021 Professional Development Fellowship Recipients Announced

(Vancouver, B.C.) -- The Jack Webster Foundation is pleased to announce five recipients of Professional Development Fellowships for 2021.



Francesca Fionda, Investigative Journalist

Ms. Fionda's Fellowship affords her the opportunity to take part in the IRE (Investigative Reporters & Editors) Online Data Bootcamp for Educators. Ms. Fionda's Fellowship is in the name of the late B.C. reporter, Don Matheson, whose estate endowed professional development awards for B.C. born journalists.



Manusha Janakiram

Senior Producer, *What on Earth, CBC Radio One*

Ms. Janakiram's Fellowship will contribute to the cost of her Graduate Certificate in Values Based Leadership from Royal Roads University in Victoria, B.C.



Jennifer Leask, Instructor, Langara & Adjunct Professor, University of British Columbia
Ms. Leask's Fellowship will also see her taking part in the IRE (Investigative Reporters & Editors) Online Data Bootcamp for Educators.



Ethan Morneau, Reporter, Vista Radio

Mr. Morneau will take part in the Poynter Institute for Media Studies online seminar Will Work for Impact: Fundamentals of Investigative Journalism.



Moira Wyton, Health Reporter, The Tyee
(Photo credit: Elizabeth Wang)

Ms. Wyton will take part in McGill University's Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences course Epidemiology 101 for Journalists.

Each year the Jack Webster Foundation issues a call for submissions from working journalists and journalism educators, across the province of British Columbia, for Professional Development Fellowships. The submissions are reviewed, and a determined number of awards are provided to deserving applicants for Fellowships in the form of cash awards to pay for and provide short term professional development opportunities that can enhance and advance one's career in journalism. Since 2001 the Foundation has provided 89 Fellowships. The call for submissions for 2022 Professional Development Fellowships will again take place in January of 2022.

The Jack Webster Foundation was established in 1986, upon the retirement of its namesake, who was Western Canada's best-known and most influential reporter, in order to foster and celebrate excellence in journalism, protect the public interest for British Columbian's, and create a community where trusted outstanding journalism thrives.

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