4 — REPORTING SKILLS AND SPECIALTIES

Business and Financial Journalism

Fraser Institute: Economics for Journalists

Annual seminar teaches economic concepts, budgets, GDP, inflation, labour markets and policy analysis for Canadian reporting. Full bursaries are available for accepted journalists.

https://www.fraserinstitute.org/education-programs/economics-for-journalists

Court and Crime Reporting

Supreme Court of Canada: Resources for Media

Official guidance covers media access, courtroom procedures, accreditation, electronic devices and publication ban information at Canada’s highest court.

https://www.scc-csc.ca/media-medias/resources-ressources/

CanLII: Guides

Free instructional guides teach journalists how to search Canadian case law, legislation and legal commentary efficiently.

https://www.canlii.org/info/CanLIIGuides.html

Data Journalism

David McKie: Data Journalism Resources

Provides practical resources and training materials on data journalism, investigative reporting, public records and access-to-information research.

http://davidmckie.net/about-me/

Statistics Canada: Telling the Data

Story: How to Create Stories That Matter Teaches journalists and communicators how to interpret data and turn statistical findings into accurate, meaningful stories.

https://www.statcan.gc.ca/en/wtc/data-literacy/catalogue/892000062021005

Environmental

and Climate Journalism

Simon Fraser University Mitigating Wildfire Initiative: Covering Wildfire

National newsroom toolkit provides practical, trauma-aware approaches, sourcing ideas and story pathways for stronger wildfire coverage.

https://www.mitigatingwildfire.ca/covering-wildfire

Investigative Journalism

Civic Searchlight

Searchable database of Canadian municipal council meeting transcripts helps journalists track local issues, investigate trends and find information across hundreds of municipalities.

https://civicsearchlight.nationalobserver.com/

Investigative Journalism

Foundation - Free Access for Journalists

Gives eligible journalists free access to Canadian databases covering lobbying, contracts, political donations and government disclosures.

https://theijf.org/free-access-for-journalists

Michener–O'Hagan Journalism Education Fellowship: How They Did It

Canadian journalists explain how major investigations were conceived, sourced, verified, reported and brought to publication.

https://www.canadianinvestigativejournalism.ca/about-us

Political Journalism

Elections Canada: Media Guide for a Federal General Election

Official reference explains Canada's federal electoral system, voting procedures, administration and information journalists frequently need during campaigns.

https://www.elections.ca/content.aspx?section=med&dir=guide&document=toc&lang=e