Media Pitching & Story Placement Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	General Training	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Master media pitching strategy & journalist targeting
2. Develop newsworthy storytelling frameworks
3. Understand digital PR ecosystem & newsroom workflows
4. Build high-conversion press release structures
5. Learn story placement techniques for earned media
6. Apply SEO-driven PR optimization
7. Identify media angles & trending narratives
8. Create viral pitch hooks & subject lines
9. Execute newsjacking & real-time PR strategies
10. Build global media contact databases
11. Improve brand reputation management through media
12. Design pitch decks for journalists & editors
13. Achieve consistent top-tier media coverage

Target Audience

1. PR professionals & communication specialists
2. Digital marketers & growth strategists
3. Startup founders & entrepreneurs
4. Corporate communication teams
5. Social media managers & content creators
6. Journalists transitioning into PR roles
7. Branding consultants & agency executives
8. Influencers & personal brand builders

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Media Pitching

- Understanding modern **media ecosystems**
- Role of journalists, editors & news desks
- Anatomy of a winning pitch email
- Media segmentation strategies
- Timing & relevance in pitching
- **Case Study:** How a fintech startup secured Forbes coverage through targeted niche pitching.

Module 2: Storytelling for Earned Media

- Crafting **newsworthy narratives**

- Emotional vs data-driven storytelling
- Building brand story arcs
- Identifying “hook-worthy” angles
- Audience-first narrative design
- **Case Study:** A health-tech brand gaining BBC feature through human-centered storytelling.

Module 3: Press Release & News Content Creation

- Writing SEO-optimized press releases
- Structuring headlines for media pickup
- Embedding keywords for discoverability
- Formatting for global news wires
- Avoiding PR rejection triggers
- **Case Study:** Startup press release picked by multiple tech blogs via optimized structure.

Module 4: Journalist Targeting & Media Lists

- Building segmented media databases
- Using media intelligence tools
- Understanding journalist beats
- Personalization techniques
- Relationship mapping strategies
- **Case Study:** A SaaS company securing TechCrunch coverage through targeted journalist mapping.

Module 5: Pitching Strategies & Email Mastery

- Crafting high-open-rate subject lines
- Cold pitching vs warm pitching
- Follow-up email sequencing
- Avoiding spam filters
- Pitch timing psychology
- **Case Study:** E-commerce brand achieving 45% response rate using structured pitch sequencing.

Module 6: Newsjacking & Trend Leveraging

- Identifying trending news cycles
- Real-time PR opportunities
- Social listening tools
- Viral angle creation
- Crisis-to-opportunity transformation
- **Case Study:** Brand gaining global coverage by reacting to a trending industry report.

Module 7: Digital PR & SEO Integration

- Backlink acquisition via media
- Domain authority improvement strategies
- Keyword-optimized PR content
- Multi-channel amplification
- Evergreen media placements
- **Case Study:** Startup improving Google ranking through strategic media backlinks.

Module 8: Advanced Media Relations & Reputation Building

- Long-term journalist relationship building
- Crisis communication strategies
- Thought leadership positioning
- Executive branding in media
- Sustained visibility strategies
- **Case Study:** CEO becoming industry thought leader through consistent media placements.

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price

23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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