

Funding Opportunities

Here you find an overview of various **external funding opportunities** for our FUB-ContinuEd courses. They all have their own selection criteria and provide support in different ways. Where possible, we provided a small summary but please **check the respective websites independently**, should you be interested in one of these options. If you want to know more about these funding opportunities, please **click on the links below** and inform yourself accordingly.

Please note: Many of the suggested options below are only available for **German citizens or residents**. If you do not fulfill these requirements, you may find alternative funding opportunities by searching for comparable federal aid programs or support through foundations, political institutions or private clubs and organizations in your own country of residence.

If you know any other funding opportunities for our courses which have not been listed here, please feel free to contact us at info@continued.fu-berlin.de, so that we can add them to the list.

[German Federal Continuing Education Voucher Program](#) (website in German)

Who is eligible?

- A premium voucher can be obtained by persons who
 - are employed for an average of **at least 15 hours per week** - proven, for example, by a valid employment contract. Self-employed persons can also benefit from the premium voucher.
 - have a **taxable income** (zvE) (according to the Income Tax Act) of **no more than 20,000 euros**
 - who **live or work in Germany** and have not yet received a premium voucher in the current calendar year.
- You can find a more detailed overview of eligible groups of persons [here](#).
- The premium voucher can only be issued if the continuing education course has not yet started and the continuing education provider has not yet issued an invoice and the participants have not yet paid any fees.

How much is subsidized?

- The education premium voucher is a **50% subsidy**. The state pays half of the seminar costs, up to a **maximum of 500 euros**.

Process:

- Free appointment at a counseling center -> discussion about continuing education funding and fulfillment of requirements -> the voucher can be issued directly at the appointment.

[German Federal Savings Voucher Program \(Continuing Education Savings\)](#)

(website in German)

Who is eligible?

- With a savings voucher (Weiterbildungssparen), people can finance more expensive (and often longer-running) continuing education programs - **regardless of their income and the other eligibility requirements** that apply to the premium voucher. The only prerequisite for the use of a savings voucher is the **existence of a corresponding savings balance in accordance with the Capital Accumulation Act** - irrespective of current income, age and current employment status.

How much is subsidized?

- The savings voucher can be used for continuing education courses with course fees of **any amount**, as long as they exceed the **minimum level of 30 euros**. Both the amount of the subsidized savings credit and the continuing education fees must exceed this so-called de minimis limit.

Process:

- The savings voucher is also issued after a counseling session at a counseling center. If you are interested, ask the advisor about the savings voucher!

[Continuing Education Scholarship](#) (website in German)

Who is eligible?

- The continuing education scholarship supports **young people** in their professional qualification. The continuing education scholarship supports professional qualification following the successful completion of vocational training.
- The first prerequisite for application is therefore that **training has been completed in a recognized training occupation based on the Vocational Training Act (BBiG), the Crafts Code (HwO) or in a specialist occupation in the healthcare sector regulated by federal law**.
- Admission is possible **up to the age of 24**. By considering credit periods, such as voluntary service or parental leave, admission can also take place up to three years later. In the health care professions, such as nursing or therapeutic professions, up to two years of specialized school training can be credited.
- At the time of application, the sponsored individuals must either be employed with a weekly work schedule of **at least 15 hours or be registered with the employment agency as seeking employment**. Full-time students without regular employment and university graduates are not eligible.

How much is subsidized?

- As a scholarship holder, you can apply for grants **totaling 8,100 euros** for any number of eligible continuing education courses - with a **personal contribution of 10 percent** per funding measure. The personal contribution does not reduce the total amount of funding.

Process:

- Application via different contacts depending on the learned profession and place of training. You can find more detailed information [here](#).

State-specific continuing education grants (website in German)

- Funding scales and bases dependent on state programs. Please check the grants for each state (*Bundesland*).

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