

Here you find an overview of various **external funding opportunities** for our FUB-ContinuEd courses:

- (A) Educational leave – “Bildungszeit“ / “Bildungsurlaub“
- (B) Financial support for further education – “Bildungsscheck Brandenburg“
- (C) Continuing Education Scholarship – Sbb Weiterbildungsstipendium
- (D) State-specific continuing education grants

They all have their own selection criteria and provide support in different ways. Where possible, we provided a small summary. 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.

[\(A\) Educational leave – “Bildungszeit“ / “Bildungsurlaub“](#)

Educational leave, also named “**Bildungszeit**“ or “**Bildungsurlaub**“ in German, is a legal entitlement for employees in Germany with paid time off from work to attend recognized training events.

FUB-ContinuEd on-site courses are recognized for

- (1) [Bildungszeit Berlin](#)
as well as
- (2) [Bildungsurlaub Brandenburg](#)

The entitlement for Bildungszeit/Bildungsurlaub is five working days within a calendar year, provided the entitled person regularly works five days a week. In anticipation of the training period in the following calendar year, the entitlement can be combined to ten working days (§2 BiZeitG; §15,16 BbgWBG). The entitlement for Bildungszeit/Bildungsurlaub arises for the first time after six months of employment or training (§3 BiZeitG; §16 BbgWBG).

Granted by the employer: The utilization and timing of the educational leave must be submitted to the employer as early as possible, in principle six weeks before the start of the leave of absence (§4 BiZeitG, §17.1 BbgWBG).

Eligible are: All employees whose main focus of activity is in the federal state of Berlin (Berliner Bildungszeit) or in the federal state of Brandenburg (Bildungsurlaub) have a legal right, regardless of age.

Find here information on regulations for educational leave in all German federal states:

- [IWWB, InfoWebWeiterbildung](#) (website in German)
- [DGB, Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund](#) (website in German)
- Tips at [Finanztip](#) (website in German)

(B) Financial support for further education - “Bildungsscheck Brandenburg”

With the “Bildungsscheck Brandenburg”, employees in the company can be given tailor-made support. The funding amounts to a maximum of 3,000 euros and a minimum of 500 euros. It promotes the participation in measures for individual and job-independent professional training of employees as well as the participation of employees in professional training measures to develop skills in companies and associations.

Both, FUB-ContinuEd on-site as well as online courses can be funded.

Eligible are:

- Employees with primary residence in Brandenburg
- Companies that have a permanent establishment in Brandenburg within the meaning of Section 12 of the Tax Code
- Legally responsible associations with registered office in Brandenburg
- Public independent child and youth welfare organizations in Brandenburg

More information:

- [ILB, Business promotion bank in the federal state of Brandenburg](#) (website in German)
- [WDB, Weiterbildung Brandenburg](#) (website in German)
- [Stiftung Warentest](#) for financial support for further education in other state countries (Bundesländer) (website in German)

(C) Continuing Education Scholarship (Sbb Weiterbildungsstipendium der Stiftung Begabtenförderung berufliche Bildung (SBB) Gemeinnützige Gesellschaft mbH):

(website in German)

Eligible are:

- 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**.
- 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.

Scholarship amount:

- 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.

Application process:

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

(D) State-specific continuing education support (website in German)

Educational leave, funding scales and bases dependent on state programs. Please check the grants for each state (*Bundesland*).

Helpful websites:

- [IWWB, InfoWebWeiterbildung](#) (website in German)
- [DGB, Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund](#) (website in German)
- [Stiftung Warentest](#) (website in German)

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