

Contribution for additional professional education

For PhD students, an additional professional education accredited by the law or by professional organizations may be of importance for their PhD research. The Board recognizes this importance and wants to support the students whenever this is possible. The board also views this as an opportunity to give expression to its social responsibility to promote the employment of PhD's. In practice, this means that the Board has made a budget available for the compensation in the costs of professional education, provided that the unit where the graduate is employed contributes equally to the costs.

In order to qualify for compensation from this fund, the following limiting conditions have to be met:

- a. The application concerns a long-term training program that is accredited by the law or by a professional organization, which demands a substantial investment. Acknowledged will be the training to become Dutch law BIG accredited healthcare psychologist, psychotherapist, or clinical psychologist, as well as the training to become a cognitive-behavioral therapist (VGCT).
- b. There needs to be a demonstrable overlap with the PhD research.
- c. The program is imbedded in the education and supervision plan of the PhD student in an adequate way (this means that there is time for attending the educational program and it is possible for the PhD student to do clinical work in an accredited organization for mental health).
- d. The university at which the PhD student is employed equally contributes to the costs of the course.

Associate members don't qualify for this compensation.

Furthermore, the following restrictions apply:

- The maximum amount that a PhD student can receive regarding his/her professional education from EPP funding is 2270,- euro
- One can only make an appeal to the EPP funding for the enrollment fee of courses. Costs of learning therapy, supervision, travel expenses and study material don't qualify for compensation.
- The EPP funding is exclusively meant for PhD students and scholarship students. PhD students for whom the supervisors receive an incentive from the university are excluded.

The PhD student and his/her supervisor should address any applications for a contribution for his/her professional education to the EPP Office. The application has to refer to the entire course period of the program (applications for courses, which start in the academic year 2016/2017 should be received by the Office Postgraduate School EPP before September 30th 2016). In case you submit your application after September 30th 2016, because you have been appointed after this date, you can submit your application the following year. Provided that the application will be accepted, the compensation will then be granted in retro action.

The chairman of the educational committee and the director EPP will first evaluate the application, and then report to the Board. The Board eventually decides whether the application will be accepted or not. If there are too many applications, the extent to which the course is necessary for the research project of the PhD student (b) and the way it is imbedded in the education and supervision plan (c) are the deciding factors.

The compensation for the program costs will be paid each academic year, after the postgraduate school EPP has received a proof of payment, a certificate of positive evaluation, formulated by the own employer.

The progress and test results of the PhD student concerning the professional education will be evaluated within the framework of the annual progress evaluation. If the progress and test results are negative, the postgraduate school is authorized to stop the financing prematurely.