

### Why Employer Sponsorship is valuable:



- Investing in your education benefits both you and your company.
- Companies can offer multifaceted support, not just financial.

### **Steps to increase your Chances of Success:**



- Choose your Program: Be informed about the program you want and how it aligns with your professional goals.
- Relate Educational Goals to Company Objectives: Demonstrate how your learning can solve company challenges.
- Prepare to Present: Provide detailed information, including costs and schedule, to your employer.
- 4. Negotiate Effectively: Be clear and concise about your goals and expectations. Tailor your approach by relating education benefits to your employer's objectives.

## Types of Support you can ask for:



- Full or partial funding
- Reimbursement upon completion
- Interest-free loans
- Paid leave or flexible work hours
- Service commitment agreements

# **Timing Considerations:**

Best times to approach HR:



- Late summer/autumn for next year's budget.
- Early in the year during performance

## **Negotiating Tips:**

- Build trust with your supervisor.
- Be strategic in presenting your case, focusing on tasks that directly impact company success.



 Don't be discouraged by an initial rejection—stay consistent and ask for updates.

### What if Employer Funding isn't available?

Alternative Funding Options:

- Installments: Spread payments into up to three installments within one financial year, with some interest-free options.
- Loans: Some banks offer favorable terms for educational advancement.
- Scholarships: Available based on merit, need, and contribution to peer learning.



- Early Bird Discounts:
  - Available for early applications.
- Local Currency Payments: Avoid exchange rate fees by paying in your home currency.
- **Grants:** Non-repayable funds are available from various organizations.
- Tax Deductions: In Austria, up to 50% of tuition and related expenses may be tax-deductible.

## **Key Takeaways:**

- Executive Education is a long-term investment with a strong ROI for both employees and companies.
- Persistence and preparation are key to securing employer funding.
- Various flexible payment options ensure that education is accessible even without Employer Sponsorship.

#### Would you like to learn more?

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