

## **Coverage of Exam Participation Costs for SARENA Students without Student Status**

In the SARENA Consortium Agreement, the issue of covering exam participation costs for students who no longer have student status is not explicitly regulated. In accordance with the provisions of the SARENA programme (SARENA Consortium Agreement, Student Agreement), students upon enrolment are obliged to comply with the rules and regulations of the institution where they are studying at any given time, and their rights and obligations are the same as those of other students at that institution (Statute of the University of Ljubljana, Examination Rules of the University of Ljubljana).

In such cases, established practice and general higher education regulations apply, based on relevant national and institutional legal acts (Higher Education Act, Statute of the University of Ljubljana, Examination Rules of the University of Ljubljana). According to the general acts of the University of Ljubljana (Statute of the University of Ljubljana, Rules on Tuition Fees and Other Contributions at UL FMF), students without valid student status are not entitled to free completion of academic obligations; therefore, costs associated with taking exams and other academic requirements are generally borne by the students themselves. This regulation applies uniformly to all students at UL FMF and ensures equal treatment and transparency of financial obligations.

As the SARENA Consortium Agreement does not establish a different regime for cases where a student does not complete the programme within the expected period due to their own responsibility and loses student status in the meantime, it is reasonable and legally justified to apply the aforementioned general rules. Consequently, SARENA programme students without student status are responsible for paying exam participation costs themselves, in the same way as other students at the University of Ljubljana – Faculty of Mathematics and Physics (Rules on Tuition Fees and Other Contributions at UL FMF, Examination Rules of the University of Ljubljana).