

In accordance with the Decree on Co-Financing Doctoral Studies (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, no. 22/17) and the amendment to the Higher Education Act, doctoral studies at the Faculty of Information Studies in Novo mesto are co-financed from the 2017/18 academic year onwards.

An important novelty is that candidates do not apply for the co-financing call, as co-financing will be available to all doctoral students who meet the following conditions:

- Students enrolled in the first year or directly in the second year of doctoral studies will be co-financed if they have an average grade of completed education of at least 8.00 (the grade at the previous level of study is taken into account) and do not repeat the year.
- Students enrolled in the second year of doctoral studies will be co-financed if they have regularly advanced from the first to the second year of doctoral studies. An extension of the status for justified reasons in accordance with the law governing higher education and the Statute of the Faculty of Information Studies is also considered as regular advancement.
- Students enrolled in the third year of doctoral studies will be co-financed in the event that they have regularly advanced to all the years of doctoral studies. An extension of the status for justified reasons in accordance with the law governing higher education and the Statute of the Faculty of Information Studies is also considered as regular advancement.
- In the event that doctoral students have already obtained a level of education corresponding to the level of education obtained in the doctoral study programmes of the third level, they will not be eligible for co-financing. Furthermore, in the event that they have or have already had publicly co-financed study under study programmes for obtaining a

doctorate, even if they have not completed their studies, they will not be eligible for co-financing.

- Parallel studies are not co-financed, nor are students enrolled in an additional year (*absolventski staž*) eligible for co-financing.

The amount of co-financing for an individual student depends on the number of enrolled students and the amount of funds that the Faculty of Information Studies in Novo mesto will receive each year for this purpose.

Co-financing is not excluded by regular employment. The same applies to registration in the register of unemployed persons at the Employment Service of Slovenia.

There is no age limit for co-financing.