



SAARLAND UNIVERSITY

ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Election of the Doctoral Representatives' Council 2026

Election date (please note: this election is online only)

- Tuesday, 9 June 2026, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Pursuant to Section 4 of the Regulations Governing the Doctoral Representatives' Council at Saarland University, the Electoral Office hereby announces the following election details:

1 Ways to cast your vote

Voting will take place online only.

1.1 Information on online voting

Electronic voting (online voting) will take place on **Tuesday, 9 June 2026, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.** Voters can use their personal digital device (PC, laptop, tablet, smartphone, etc.) to access the online voting platform via a web link.

Voter authentication is conducted by entering the relevant login data for the online voting platform on a web page specially configured for this purpose. The electronic ballot paper must be completed and submitted in accordance with instructions provided in the electoral information and on the online voting platform.

A few days before the election, eligible voters will receive information electronically about how to vote online. This will include details on how the election will be conducted and the login data for the online voting platform.

2 Voting system

The election, which will be held in accordance with the Regulations Governing the Doctoral Representatives' Council, is open to all eligible doctoral students, is free from undue influence, gives each voter an equal vote, is held by secret ballot, and is carried out directly without intermediaries. Representatives will be elected by direct vote, rather than from candidate lists.

The number of members of the Doctoral Representatives' Council is determined by Section 3 of the Regulations Governing the Doctoral Representatives' Council, which stipulates that the Doctoral Representatives' Council shall consist of at most one member and one deputy member from each faculty. Each faculty constitutes an electoral constituency.

3 Right to vote and eligibility for office

Only persons who are registered in the electoral register may vote or stand for election. **The deadline for inclusion in the electoral register is 20 April 2026. Registration or enrolment as a doctoral student must therefore have been completed by 19 April 2026.**

No later than one day before the electoral register is made available for inspection, the Electoral Office shall issue polling cards notifying all eligible voters of their inclusion in the respective

electoral register. Polling cards shall be sent by post, by internal mail or electronically, or shall be delivered by persons designated for this purpose. If the details held by the university are incorrect, no attempt will be made to determine the right email address.

The rules governing voter eligibility are set out in Sections 2 and 4 of the Regulations Governing the Doctoral Representatives' Council:

- (1) All registered or enrolled doctoral students at Saarland University are eligible to vote and stand for election.
- (2) The right to vote and the eligibility to stand for election are restricted to those persons included in the electoral register. The electoral register is compiled on the basis of data held by the Admissions Office regarding enrolled and registered doctoral students. The closing date for the compilation of voter data is 20 April 2026.
- (3) Doctoral students wishing to stand on the council may only represent the faculty in which they have been admitted to their doctoral programme.
- (4) Any rights arising from membership of another member group (students, academic staff) shall remain unaffected.

4 Public display of the electoral registers

The electoral registers will be made available for inspection at the Electoral Office and in the Deans' offices during office hours by no later than 27 April 2026. The definitive electoral registers are those displayed in the Electoral Office.

Objections to the electoral registers may be filed with the Electoral Office (Building A2 3, University President's Office, Room 1.18) within a two-week period beginning on the date on which the electoral registers are made available for inspection, or may be submitted by email to academic-career@uni-saarland.de. The Electoral Office shall decide on whether objections are upheld.

5 Submission of nominations

Eligible voters may submit nominations to the Electoral Office in writing or electronically until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, **19 May 2026**. Please submit nominations to academic-career@uni-saarland.de or to Building A2 3, University President's Office, Room 1.18.

The approved nominations will be published on the [Early Career Office web page](#) from 20 May 2026.

6 Notifications regarding the election of the Doctoral Representatives' Council

Announcements regarding the election of the Doctoral Representatives' Council will be published on the [Early Career Office web page](#).

7 Determination of the election results

The Electoral Office will confirm the ballot result immediately after the count has been completed and publish the results for all university members to view.

Term of office

The term of office of the Doctoral Representatives Council will begin with its inaugural meeting and last for one year.

8 Electoral Office

The Early Career Office will perform this role in 2026. The contacts at the Early Career Office are Anna-Maria Braun and Svenja Burmann.

Saarbrücken, 27 March 2026

The Early Career Office

Electoral Office: Building A2 3, Room 1.18

Web: <https://www.uni-saarland.de/en/researchers/early-career-office.html>

Email: academic-career@uni-saarland.de