

NOTICE OF ELECTION

**For the election of doctoral candidates' representatives
at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg from June 16 until June 23, 2026**

Please note that only the German version is legally binding.

I. General provisions, legal basis

According to Section 29a of the Constitution of Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (Grundordnung der Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, **GrO**) the **doctoral candidates' representatives** are chosen by election. The details of the election procedure are stated in this notice of election pursuant to Section 29a (2)(3) GrO. In addition, the Regulations governing Elections at FAU (**Electoral Regulations**) shall apply, unless the following deviations from the general university election procedure stipulate otherwise.

All regulations that are of significance to the university election can be found via the Elections Office's (Wahlamt) web page (see below).

II. Doctoral candidates' representatives

According to Section 29a (2) GrO, the doctoral candidates at each **faculty elect one representative and one deputy in an equal, free and secret ballot, following the principles of a candidate-centered election**. In accordance with Section 29a (4) GrO, the persons from each faculty who are elected in this manner form the Doctoral Candidates' Council (Promovierendenkonvent), which elects one of its members to act as the chairperson of the Doctoral Candidates Council along with a deputy.

The term of office is one year, beginning on October 1, 2026 and ending on September 30, 2027. The chairperson of the Doctoral Candidates' Council belongs to the senate as a non-voting member and participates in meetings of the University Council without voting rights (Section 36 (2) AVBayHIG).

Doctoral candidates who are also entitled to vote in one of the other member groups stated in Section 19 (2) BayHIG also take part in the general university election, independently of the election for the doctoral candidates' representatives.

III. Nominations

Nominations may be submitted from April 23, 2026 until 4 pm on May 6, 2026.

Nominations must be submitted to the Elections Office or the Returning Officer using the appropriate form. Nominations that are submitted after the deadline are **invalid**. Only candidates whose nominations have been accepted may be elected. Each nomination consists of a person who is entitled to vote and be elected in the relevant faculty and requires the written support of at each two other people from the same faculty who are eligible to vote and be elected.

Further information can be found on the information sheet about submitting nominations which is available on the Elections Office's website (wahlen.fau.de).

Nominations accepted for the election by the Elections Committee will be published on the Elections Office notice board in Erlangen, Freyeslebenstraße 1, Rotunda, floor 03 and for information purposes also on the Elections Office's website.

IV. Right to vote and electoral register

All individuals pursuing a doctoral degree at FAU and registered as doctoral candidates in docDaten are eligible to vote and stand as candidates (Sections 29a, 17b GrO). Exercising the active and passive right to vote depends on entry in the electoral register at the time it is closed. The electoral register is generated from the electronic register of doctoral candidates (docDaten). Anyone who is **registered in docDaten as a doctoral candidate who has been admitted to the doctoral procedure** will be automatically included in the electoral register.

Candidates are **assigned to the faculty** that their **main supervisor is assigned to**, as entered in docDaten.

Those eligible to vote can check their registration in docDaten (www.docdaten.fau.de) – and therefore in the electoral register – themselves online up **until the electoral register is closed (9 am on May 19, 2026)** and, if necessary, may request that **Research and Early Career Support** updates their details (contact: graduierenzentrum@fau.de, phone: +49 9131 85 71366).

The electoral register is not displayed; it is not possible to file a formal objection against failing to be entered in the electoral register or an incorrect entry in the electoral register.

Those who are eligible to vote and are included in the electoral register will receive a polling card from the beginning of May. The polling card states how you can cast your votes. Those who are eligible to vote and have a fully activated IdM account can access their polling card as an electronic document via the FAU election portal online-wahlen.fau.de. Those who are eligible to vote but do not have a fully activated IdM account will receive their polling card in writing and will be instructed to apply for and fully activate an IdM account by May 18, 2026 at the latest. Anyone who is eligible to vote but who has not fully activated their IdM account will receive personalized log-in credentials (PIN and TAN) in the week before the election period in order to be able to authenticate their identity using the PIN/TAN procedure.

V. Election deadlines and casting votes

The election for the Doctoral Candidates' Council will be held at the same time as the general university election. **The election will be held online from 11 am on June 16, 2026 until 11 am on June 23, 2026.**

Votes are cast on separate ballot papers for each faculty. The election is based on a candidate-centered election. Those eligible to vote have two votes. Each vote may be allocated to a separate nomination or both votes may be allocated to one nomination; not all votes must be used. The person who obtains the most votes in each faculty is elected speaker for that faculty, and the person who obtains the second most votes is appointed deputy speaker for that faculty. Furthermore, the remaining candidates are named substitutes in the order of the number of votes that they have received.

VI. Result of the election, election audit

The result of the election is announced in conjunction with the result of the general university election. The election result will be announced on the Elections Office notice board in Erlangen, Freyeslebenstraße 1, Rotunda, floor 03. The election result will also be published on the Elections Office's web page.

Challenges to the result are regulated by the provisions stipulated in the Electoral Regulations. A challenge may not be based on the claim that an entry in the electoral register was missing or incorrect.

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