

Information for English-speaking PhD students

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Elections to PhD Students' Councils and Representative Bodies at the University of Warsaw

The Electoral Committee of the PhD Students' Union of the University of Warsaw would like to encourage all PhD students, including international and English-speaking doctoral candidates, to take part in the upcoming elections to PhD students' councils and representative bodies.

Why are the elections conducted in Polish?

At present, the entire electoral procedure is regulated by official University of Warsaw regulations and documents drafted **exclusively in Polish**. These regulations define, among others, the names of elected bodies, the content of election notices, consent forms, declarations, and ballot papers.

As the Electoral Committee, we are legally bound by these Polish-language regulations. Introducing unofficial or unapproved English versions of formal documents could result in the electoral procedure being challenged or even declared invalid. For this reason, it is currently **not possible to conduct the full election procedure in English**.

At the same time, we strongly support the internationalisation of the PhD Students' Union. Preparing official English versions of regulations and documents is a broader, long-term structural change that requires formal approval at the University level and cannot be implemented within a single election cycle.

Despite these limitations, **international PhD students have the same active and passive voting rights** as Polish-speaking doctoral candidates, and we warmly encourage you to vote and to stand as a candidate.

To stand as a candidate, the required documents must be signed either with an acceptable electronic signature and sent to the following email addresses: komisjawyborczasd@uw.edu.pl and doktoranci@samorzad.uw.edu.pl, or with a handwritten signature and submitted to the Office of the PhD Students' Union **no later than the last working day before the elections**.

Election dates and basic information

Elections to the Councils of Doctoral Schools

Date: 19 January

- **17:00** – online election meeting (link in the mail and under [this link](#))
- voting starts after the meeting via the *Ankieter UW* online system

Who can vote and stand as a candidate?

All PhD students of a given Doctoral School.

What is required to stand as a candidate?

Only a signed *consent to candidacy* form ([link](#)).

Elections to Faculty Councils

Date: 19 January

- **18:00** – election meeting and voting (link in the mail and under [this link](#))
- voting starts after the meeting via the *Ankieter UW* online system

What is required to stand as a candidate?

- consent to candidacy ([link](#))
- declaration of affiliation with a given Faculty ([link](#))

Elections to Institute Councils and other academic units

Date: 26 January

- **17:00** – election meeting and voting (link in the mail and under [this link](#))
- voting starts after the meeting via the *Ankieter UW* online system

What is required to stand as a candidate?

- consent to candidacy ([link](#))
- declaration of affiliation with a given Institute or unit ([link](#))

Final notes

- Voting is conducted electronically (via *Ankieter UW*).
- Information about meetings and voting links is sent to university email addresses.
- The election results will be announced in the form of an official protocol published on the PhD Students' Union website.
- These explanations are provided for informational purposes only; the Polish-language versions of the documents are the only legally binding ones.

If you have questions or need help understanding the procedure, we encourage you to contact your local PhD Students' Council or the Electoral Committee.

We hope to see you take part in the elections. Your voice matters.

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