

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTIES REGARDING CANDIDACY FOR SR ELECTIONS 2025

New! From Personal to Electronic Submission of Candidate Lists

Until now, parties wishing to participate in the student council elections had to personally report to the electoral office during a period designated by the Central Electoral Office. Each party had to submit a candidate list, which included an individually completed and signed 'declaration of consent' by the candidates. Additionally, the candidate list had to be signed by five individuals from the same electoral district who supported the list.

For candidacy, parties were required to use models established by the Central Electoral Office. Starting in 2025, this practice of submitting 'paper' forms will be replaced by electronic submission.

How will list submission work from now on: what changes and what remains the same?

What changes? First, the forms will be eliminated (except for ACTA, see below). Parties wishing to participate in the elections must notify the Central Electoral Office no later than the week before the candidacy period. Each party appoints a person per (sub)district to act as the 'list submitter.' The secretary of the Central Electoral Office collects the names of the list submitters and provides an overview to Inkesta, the company supporting and facilitating the participation elections. The 'list submitters' will receive rights from Inkesta to 'invite' candidates to apply through Inkesta's application during the candidacy period.

Individuals who apply via the application agree that the list order will be determined by the 'list submitter.' It is assumed that there is an agreement on the order of candidates on the list. The previous 'declarations of consent' are thus no longer required.

Note! The 'list submitter' and the candidates they invite/submit on behalf of the party must belong to the same district. It is not possible for parties to appoint a single representative who acts as the 'list submitter' for all districts!

Candidate List with One Candidate Do you want to participate with a party that has only one person on the list? No problem at all. You register as the 'list submitter' with the Central Electoral Office and then (after receiving rights from Inkesta) invite yourself as a candidate.

What remains (mostly) the same? Electronic submission of a list aligns with a trend of digitalization in general, but also within the election organization process, which is already largely electronic/digital (verifying voter register data and casting votes). The Central Electoral Office hopes that electronic submission of a list lowers the threshold for parties to participate in the elections, resulting in increased participation in the student council elections!

At the same time, parties are still required to put in some effort: the requirement that the candidate list must be supported by five candidates from the same district remains.

Support of the List by Five Eligible Voters from the Respective District: What Does This

Requirement Mean in Practice? The requirement that the list be supported by five eligible voters from the electoral district is interpreted by the Central Electoral Office to include candidates on the list as 'supporters.' If a list contains fewer than five candidates, the party must collect additional signatures. These signatures are submitted by email to the Central Electoral Office. A signed declaration from the eligible voter suffices: the electoral office must be able to trace the voter in the voter register, but otherwise, the declaration format is free.

What also remains unchanged: The deadline for parties to submit their candidates is final! **Note!**

List submitters have the opportunity to invite their candidates during the candidacy period: from Monday, April 7 to Tuesday, April 15 17h00, 2025. **After Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 17:00, it will no longer be practically or technically possible to register candidates.** The application will be 'closed' from that moment.

In Summary: Steps for Candidacy at a Glance:

1. **Parties submit the name and email address of the list submitter (and, if possible, the party name) to jz-centraalstembureau@uva.nl before the candidacy period starts. **Note! Access to the Inkesta application (voter register consultation, candidacy, and voting during elections) requires identification through SURF. This means that only the email address linked to SURF provides access to Inkesta's application!****
2. **During the candidacy period, the list submitter invites the candidates who will participate in the elections on behalf of the party in the respective district.**

ACTA

Identification, like all other digital services at UvA, is done via SURF. To log in to Inkesta, use your UvAnetID and password. Unfortunately, the technical connection between Inkesta and VU has not yet been established, meaning that Dentistry students have alternative access to the application (via individual codes provided by Inkesta). As a result, the 'electronic candidacy' module does not function at ACTA. Parties wishing to participate in the elections at ACTA must submit their candidate list by email to the Central Electoral Office at jz-centraalstembureau@uva.nl.

What Happens After Electronic Submission of the Candidate List(s)? Paper forms are replaced by an automated process. As in previous years, the lists, candidates, and order of the list will be officially determined during a public session of the Central Electoral Office. For the 2025 elections, this session will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 16:00.

After the lists are established, they will be published on the website no later than Friday, April 25, 2025. Stakeholders can object to the Central Electoral Office's decision regarding the candidate lists until Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

Finally.

If you expect to claim a board grant ('**bestuursbeurs**') in the event of election, please read this carefully!

Certain conditions apply to applying for a board grant, such as full-time enrollment and obtaining the BSA. For more information on the requirements and contact details of relevant UvA staff, visit the following website:

<https://student.uva.nl/onderwerpen/bestuursbeurs-aanvragen-als-lid-van-de-medezeggenschap>

If you are unsure about the conditions, contact via the email address on this website.

For other questions, contact the Central Electoral Office:

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