



Announcement of election of ÅAS Council for the period 2024-2025

Elections for the Council of the Student Union of Åbo Akademi University (ÅAS) for the period 1.1.2024–31.12.2025 will be held from Tuesday 7.11.2023 at 9 a.m. to Wednesday 3.11.2023 at 3 p.m. Advance voting takes place between Tuesday 24.10 at 9 a.m. and Friday 27.10 at 3 p.m. The Student Union Council elections will be conducted electronically.

This document is originally written in Swedish, and the translation is provided for convenience only. In case of any discrepancy between this version and the Swedish one, the latter takes precedence.

1 EXAMINATION OF THE ELECTORAL REGISTER

The electoral register, based on the student register of Åbo Akademi University before 13 September 2023, will be provided for examination for the period 13–18.9.2023 at:

- The student union office in Åbo, Tavastgatan 22, 3rd floor at 12–15
- The student union office in Vasa, Havtornen, Inre Hamnen at 12–15

You can easily check that you are registered through a link on the Student Union webpage (www.studentkaren.fi)

In case of finding any faults in the electoral register affecting eligibility to vote or run as a candidate, please make a written demand for correction to ÅAS Election Committee (karval@studentkaren.fi) during the time the electoral register can be examined.

A member of the Student Union at Åbo Akademi University that has registered as present for the term during the time the electoral register can be examined has according to the ÅAS council election bylaws (*Valordning för val av fullmäktige* 3 § 3 mom.) the right to request to be included in the electoral register. A member that has registered for the term no later than 18.9.2023 at 3 p.m. thereby has the right to be included in the electoral register. To be included in the electoral register, the member must send a free form request to the Election Committee by email karval@studentkaren.fi no later than 18.9.2023 at 3 p.m.

2 SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY TO RUN

Suffrage in the Student Union Council elections extends to every, at Åbo Akademi University enrolled, member of the Student Union who is included in the electoral register.





Every member of the Student Union that holds suffrage is eligible to run as a candidate. The right to run candidates for the council election is reserved for election associations (valföreningar). An election association can be formed through at least 15 suffrage holding Student Union members signing an agreement to form an association. Each election association has the right to run no more than 50 candidates.

Please note: The administrative language of the Student Union of Åbo Akademi University is Swedish – a comprehension of Swedish is necessary to function as a member of the Student Union Council.

3 NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Agreement to form an election association is to be handed in no later than 19.9.2023 at 3 p.m.

The nomination of candidates for the election has to be finished and the filled in forms returned to the Student Union office by 29.9.2023 at 3 p.m.

A free form agreement to form an electoral coalition is to be sent to karval@studentkaren.fi by 2.10.2023 at 3 p.m.

Forming an election association is done through paper forms (forms in Swedish).

Each association is managed by an ombudsman (delegate), or ombud for short. The election association's ombud functions as its contact person during the election. The ombud gives the association's candidates the needed information about election proceedings and pass on information from the election committee to the candidates. A person can only act as ombud for one election association.

Paper forms can be downloaded from the Student Union webpage (www.studentkaren.fi) or picked up from the student union offices at Tavastgatan 22, 3rd floor, Åbo, and Havtornen, Inre Hamnen, Vasa. Opening hours for the offices are listed on the student union website.

4 ELECTRONIC VOTING

The council election will be conducted electronically. Voting will begin 7 November 2023 at 9 a.m. and end 8 November at 3 p.m. The link to the electronic voting can be found on the council election website <https://karval.studentkaren.fi>.

Students also have the right to advance voting. The advance voting will also be conducted electronically. Advance voting begins 24 October 2023 at 9 p.m. and ends 27 October 2023 at 3 p.m. The link to the advance voting can be found on the council election website <https://karval.studentkaren.fi>.

To participate in the vote the voter must have an ÅAU-username and password.





If any problem arises during the voting procedure, please contact the Secretary General.

5 VALORDNINGEN

The rules for the council election are stated in *Valordning för val av fullmäktige* (Swedish only) and can be found on the Student Union website www.studentkaren.fi.

The election follows the by the election committee stated ethical rules for recruiting of candidates, marketing and election advertising. The rules can be found on the Student Union webpage (www.studentkaren.fi)

Åbo 22 August 2023

ELECTION COMMITTEE OF THE STUDENT UNION OF ÅBO AKADEMI UNIVERSITY

Election committee chair / Rudolf Tommos

