**Online elections to the committees of Harz University of Applied Sciences in the period from 03rd to 09th December 2025**

Now it is time again: You have the choice – you can run for office and vote yourself.

Engagement in the committees is an opportunity to have a say in relevant issues and current topics at Harz University.

Which committees exist, who can stand for election, how the procedure works and why it is worthwhile to participate are explained below.

In the winter semester 2025/26, the following committees are to be elected at Harz University of Applied Sciences:

* Academic Senate of Harz University
* Faculty Boards of all three faculties
* Student Union of the university
* Student Representatives of the three faculties and
* Doctoral students' representation of all three faculties

**About the Academic Senate:**

The **Senate** is the most important committee of the university.

Fundamental decisions are made by the members of the Academic Senate, such as:

- the university development plan of the university,

- the agreements on objectives which are agreed between the State of Saxony-Anhalt and the Harz University,

- specific research priorities of the faculties.

It decides on:

- the establishment and modification of degree programmes,

- the establishment and modification of university facilites and services,

- the appointment of professors.

**About the Faculty Boards of all three faculties:**

A **Faculty board** is elected for each of the three faculties at Harz University of Applied Sciences. This board regulates internal (structural) faculty matters, e.g.

- ensuring the range of courses offered,

- deciding on study and examination regulations,

- drawing up a structural and development plan for the faculty,

- submitting proposals for appointments, etc.

**About the Student Union**

– is elected by students provided they are members of the student body

- There is one student union (StuRa) for both campuses of Harz University of Applied Sciences (Halberstadt and Wernigerode).

- The StuRa handles student matters across all faculties, such as sports festivals, university events and social interests, and the like.

**About the Student Representatives in the communities**

- is elected by students provided they are members of the student body

- There are student representatives in each of the three faculties at Harz University of Applied Sciences.

- They handle student matters within the faculty, e.g. „ErstiDays“, exam collections, tutoring etc.

**On the doctoral students' representation of all three faculties**

The doctoral students' representation sees itself as representing the interests of PhD students at Harz University of Applied Sciences. It advises on all doctoral-related issues and questions, makes recommendations to the committees and participates in interdisciplinary and interdepartmental exchange.

**Voting**

The committee elections are conducted as electronic elections together supported by the provider POLYAS.

For the official documents please refer to the German website.

* Voting
* Timetable
* Election announcement
* Election proposal form
* Separate declaration of consent of the candidate (if submission on the election proposal form is not possible)
* Announcement of the election proposals
* Official election results