



Vienna, 19th of April 2021

Information about the ÖH elections 2021

Dear first-time voter!

The **Austrian Students' Union elections** (ÖH elections) will take place from **May 18 to May 20, 2021**. For early voting, polls may also open May 14, 2021 and/or May 15, 2021. You can elect your **federal-level, institution-level and program-level representatives** for the next two years.

You may exercise your right to vote by **personally** casting your vote at a polling station at your institution (university, university of applied sciences (FH), university college of teacher education (PH) or private university (PU)) on election day. More information can be found at <https://wahl2021.oeh.ac.at/>. If you are unable to go to your polling station on election day, you can also vote via **absentee ballot**. Please note that your mail-in absentee ballot must reach the ÖH election commission by 6pm on May 19, 2021 (Rosengasse 2-6, 1010 Wien). Request an absentee ballot here: <https://www.formularservice.gv.at/sites/OeH/>.

In spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, we recommend you **cast your vote in person** – while of course adhering to the relevant safety guidance and rules. In-person voting is the only way to elect your representatives at program level. It goes without saying that voting at the polling stations takes place under heightened hygiene and safety precautions and is therefore considered safe. When casting your vote, we kindly ask you to wear an FFP2 face mask as well as keep the required distance from others, and to bring your own pen (no pencils).

The ÖH is strongly committed to standing up for your rights. The more students go to vote and legitimize student representation, the louder the students' voice becomes in political discourse. We kindly ask you to make use of your right to vote. The ÖH is your voice – if you give the ÖH your vote!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Heinz Faßmann'.

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Heinz Faßmann
Minister of Education, Science and Research

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'S. Hanger'.

Sabine Hanger
*Chairwoman of the
Austrian National Union of Students*