

## Information on the ÖH Elections 2023

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Dear first-time voter!

From May 9 to 11 2023, the elections of the Austrian Students' Union (ÖH) will take place. This means you will be able to determine how your legal representation of interests will look like for the next two years. As such, the ÖH represents the interests of all 345,000 students entitled to vote in Austria.

However, not only the ÖH federal representation, which represents student interests nationwide, but also the individual university and student representation directly at your respective university will be elected. The ÖH is very committed to address all students' interests in Austria at all levels - e.g. by offering personal counseling, by participating in decision-making bodies at your university or by organizing events.

It is therefore particularly important that you exercise your right to vote! It is an essential feature of our democracy that you can help shape decisions by casting your vote. By voting, you not only strengthen the legitimacy of the ÖH as your own legal representation of interests, you also send a signal of trust in our democracy. You can exercise your right to vote in person on election days at the polling station at your university, university of education, university of applied sciences or private university. You can find all the information you need on the ÖH election website at [oehwahl23.at](https://oehwahl23.at).

You can also cast your vote by postal vote. You can apply for an absentee ballot at [wahlportal.oeh.ac.at](https://wahlportal.oeh.ac.at). This must be received by the ÖH (Taubstummengasse 7-9, 1040 Vienna) no later than May 10, 2023 at 6 pm. Please also note that postal voting is only possible for the election of the university and federal representatives; voting for the student representatives can only be done in person at the polling station.

In order for the ÖH to be able to continue its strong representation work in the future, it needs your vote. That is why we ask you to use your voice. Vote today, shape tomorrow!



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