

ANNOUNCEMENT

I. The Election Committee (EC) for the Election of the University Doctoral Student Association of Pázmány Péter Catholic University, acting under the authorization granted by Rector's Instruction No. 2/2026 of Pázmány Péter Catholic University, hereby calls the

**election of the
University Doctoral Student Association (UDSA)
of Pázmány Péter Catholic University (PPCU)
to be held between**

9:00 a.m. on November 3, 2026 (Tuesday) and 2:00 p.m. on November 9, 2026 (Monday)

The election will be organized and conducted through the PPCU Neptun-Unipoll system.

II. The purpose of the election is to elect the members of the Assembly of the University Doctoral Student Association of Pázmány Péter Catholic University for a one-year term, until the next Assembly takes office, but no later than December 31, 2027. The official name of the assembly is the Assembly of the University Doctoral Student Association (hereinafter: UDSA) of Pázmány Péter Catholic University (hereinafter: PPCU) (hereinafter: Assembly). The Assembly is the decision-making and executive body of the UDSA.

III. Active suffrage:

Active suffrage is granted to any doctoral student with active student status at any operating doctoral school of PPCU, or to any doctoral candidate of any operating doctoral school who commenced the relevant doctoral programme before September 1, 2016.

Student status will be verified on the day on which the collection of nomination forms begins (October 5, 2026).

IV. Becoming a candidate:

1. Any doctoral student of the University with active student status, or any doctoral candidate who commenced the relevant doctoral programme before September 1, 2016, may become a candidate in the election, as may any person admitted to doctoral training or any doctoral student with passive status who undertakes in a written declaration to register for an active semester by the time the elected Assembly is constituted. If the candidate fails to fulfil the above condition by the constitution of the Assembly, the EC shall delete the candidate's election result and determine the election result in accordance with Section 13 (5) of the UDSA Statute.
2. A condition for becoming a candidate is that the eligible person submit the nomination form published on the websites of the doctoral schools, which also includes consent to data processing (in two copies, completed and signed by hand), from October 5, 2026 (Monday) until 2:00 p.m. on October 16, 2026 (Friday), to the secretariat of his or her own doctoral school during opening hours, or send it electronically to the Election Committee at ott.anett@jak.ppke.hu.
3. The Election Committee shall add the person submitting the nomination form to the list of candidates if it establishes that
 - a) the person is indeed entitled to stand for election (has passive suffrage), and

- b) the person's introduction and statement of objectives contain no information or objective incompatible with the spirit of the University.
- 4. As regards the conditions set out in point 3, the secretariat of the doctoral school shall provide the Election Committee with the relevant information concerning point a); concerning point b), in case of doubt, the rector or another person designated by the rector shall state a position at the request of the Election Committee.
- 5. Thereafter, the secretariat of the doctoral school (programme) shall publish the candidate's nomination form on the website of the doctoral school after redacting the Neptun code, the data-processing consent, the signature and, if requested, the photograph, so that voters may obtain information about the candidates.
- 6. Announcements relating to the election may be posted only within the premises of the University and on the official websites and social-media platforms of the University, the UDSA, the Doctoral Schools and the faculties.

V. Composition of the UDSA Assembly: Doctoral students shall be represented in the Assembly by one member from each doctoral school; in the case of a multidisciplinary doctoral school, by one member from each field of science; and in the case of the Doctoral School of Theology, by one member from each programme.

VI. Procedure for the election:

- 1. The election shall be conducted by direct and secret ballot in the PPCU Neptun-Unipoll system during the period specified in Section I of this announcement. The EC may extend the election period by a maximum of 5 working days.
- 2. The Neptun-Unipoll questionnaire shall list, in alphabetical order, all candidates of the relevant doctoral school/programme/field of science. Each voter may vote for one candidate.
- 3. The vote shall be cast personally, in the form of a completed form, after logging in to Neptun, during the voting period in the Neptun-Unipoll system. A vote once cast cannot be modified.
- 4. After the voting period has expired, the Education and Academic Affairs Department shall prepare a report for the Election Committee (hereinafter: EC) on the votes cast, broken down by doctoral school (programme/field of science), and shall send it to the EC.
- 5. On the basis of the report, the EC shall tally the votes. During the tally, no person other than the members of the EC, the person exercising legality supervision, and observers delegated by the presidency of the University Student Government may be present in the room.
- 6. Following the tally of votes, minutes shall record how many votes each candidate received and how many valid and invalid votes were cast.
- 7. The election shall be valid if, in accordance with Section 60 (1) (b) of the National Higher Education Act, at least 25% of the institution's full-time doctoral students and doctoral candidates demonstrably participated in the election. Fulfilment of this condition shall be examined separately for each doctoral school (programme/field of science).
- 8. If the election is valid, the candidates shall be ranked, for each doctoral school (programme/field of science), according to the number of votes received, from the highest to the lowest. The person ranked first shall obtain the Assembly mandate. If more than one person is ranked first with the same number of votes, the election shall be unsuccessful.

9. The Election Committee shall determine the election result immediately after the votes have been tallied and shall then prepare a report on the entire election process for the rector, who exercises legality supervision over the election, and for the UDSA.
10. The election result shall be published through the NEPTUN system within 3 working days after the close of voting. The official time of publication shall be the time at which the notification email is sent through the NEPTUN system. The Election Committee may also publish the election result on other platforms. An appeal may be submitted to the Election Committee in writing, with reasons, within 3 working days following publication.
11. In the event of an invalid or unsuccessful election, a repeat election procedure shall be called.

Done in Budapest, October 2, 2026.

PPCU UDSA Election
Election Committee