How to candidate as a representative of the UNITA Student Assembly

Detailed official information about the election process and rules are available on the "Electoral Regulation" and on the "Announcement of the Elections" that can be found in the section "Documents" on the UNITA dedicated webpage.

Every student and PhD student enrolled in any of the UNITA universities has the right to candidate and to vote. Students candidating will compete for the **7 seats** inside the Student Assembly.

- **Electoral lists:** To candidate, students must create groups of candidates called "**Lists**".

Every List has its own name, logo and members candidating. Every List can have a **maximum of 14 candidates**. Candidature takes place online, on a **dedicated platform that will be available from 10/02/2025**.

Every List must collect **50 signatures from non-candidating students** of the same University. Keep in mind that the signatures are only a tool to demonstrate that the "List" is real and that the students candidating are active participants in the community. These "signatures" are collected through the same digital platform used to present the candidatures (available from 10/02/2025). Any detail about the student who signed to let the List candidate, will never be made public for any reason, not even to the candidates presenting the List.

The signature is <u>not</u> in any case an expression of one student "intention to vote", actually they should be seen as a contribute to a democratic environment: any student recognizing the List and its members as part of the academic community should sign to help the candidates present the List, most of all if it's not willing to vote for the list.

- **Presentation of the list and of the candidates**

Due to possible conflict of interests, the presentation of the List (and all the online procedures) must be carried out by a non-candidate student called the "**list presenter**".

The list presenter will also upload the names of **all the candidates** running for the List, and the single candidates will have to **accept their candidacy** through the online procedure.

- **Deadline to present the list**

The presentation of the list must be completed by **12:00 CET on 04/03/2025**, under penalty of forfeiture. The **link to the dedicated platform** and the details for submission and signing of the lists will be available in the relevant section of the UNITA - Universitas Montium website **by 10/02/2025.**

- **Campaign Guidelines**

Spread the Word: Share your manifesto, ideas, and goals via university platforms, social media, and campus events.
Classroom Presentations: You can request up to 15 minutes to present your list during classes (with prior permission from professors).

Respect the Rules: Avoid campaign activities on voting days and follow guidelines to ensure a fair election.

- **Duties and Responsibilities**

Student representatives are expected to a**ctively participate in the activities of the UNITA Student Assembly**, represent the interests of their peers, and uphold the principles of the alliance.

In the "Electoral Regulation" there are articles detailing how a candidate should behave to ensure a fair, open, inclusive and respectful electoral process.

Candidates may be disqualified for breaching submission deadlines, violating campaign rules, or providing false information.

- **Timeline**:

Opening of the process to candidate: **10/02/2025**
Deadline to submit the candidate lists: **04/03/2025**.
Publication of candidate lists: **09/03/2025**.
Appeals must be filed by **13/03/2025**.