

Call for Applications for Positions in Departments of the Student Council of BTU Cottbus- Senftenberg

For the 2025/26 Term

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Announcement of the 2025/2026 Student Council Election

From July 21, 2026, the Student Council of BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg will be accepting applications for the 2025/26 term. The following vacant position in a Department is hereby advertised:

Departments	Positions
Department for University Policy	one

BTU students may apply online for positions in the departments by Wednesday, August 12, 2026. The nomination form to be completed is available at <http://www.stura-btu.de/>. Applicants may apply for only one position in a department. Please send the completed and signed application form to office@stura-cottbus.de or praesidium@stupa-cottbus.de. Written applications must be received by 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2026. The application must include the following information:

1. The student's first and last name
2. The student's degree program
3. The student's address
4. The student's date of birth
5. The student's phone number and/or email address
6. Student's signature

Speakers will receive an expense allowance for their work.

On Friday, August 14, 2026, the candidacies will be announced to the university community.

The election will take place during the Student Parliament session beginning Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. All members of the Student Parliament who are members at the start of the session are eligible to vote. Objections to the voter registry may be raised during the determination of the quorum. The result will be announced during the session.

The election will be conducted on the basis of individual candidacy; the results will be determined after each round of voting and published in the meeting minutes. The election is governed by the Student Body Election Regulations as amended on July 13, 2021, available at <http://www.stura-btu.de/downloads/satzungen-und-ordnungen/>

The Student Parliament aims to increase the proportion of students from Senftenberg on the Student Council and therefore expressly requests that suitably qualified students submit their applications.

Cottbus, July 20, 2026

Presidium of the Student Parliament of BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg

Department Profile: Higher Education Policy (one position)

The Department for University Policy represents students' interests at the state level and, where appropriate, at the federal and university levels. This requires regular contact with university administration and the Ministry of Science, Research, and Culture (MWFK). Active participation in the Brandenburg Student Council (BRANDSTUVE) is also encouraged. The department head serves as the point of contact for all issues related to higher education policy. Due to the thematic overlap, close coordination with the Department for Committee Support, the Student Parliament, and the Student Vice Presidency is essential.

In accordance with § 21(3) of the Student Body Bylaws, as amended on May 26, 2026, the department must report monthly to its assigned departmental committee on its activities. Regular attendance at Student Council meetings is expected.

The department's responsibilities, key focus areas, and projects include, among others,

- Evaluation of teaching and the legal framework at the state level
- Familiarization with the bylaws and regulations of the Student Body at BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg
- Close collaboration with the Student Parliament
- Contact and exchange with higher education policy organizations and groups
- Cross-university networking (including through BRANDSTUVE) and sharing information with student bodies
- Networking with the university administration, the Senate, local decision-making bodies, and the Ministry of Science, Research, and Culture (MWFK) in collaboration with the Executive Board of the Student Parliament
- Planning and carrying out initiatives to strengthen political engagement among the student body at BTU
- Active advocacy for political issues relevant to students (e.g., student housing, BAföG) in consultation with student bodies and affected stakeholders
- Collaboration with the Finance and Environment and Mobility departments in negotiations regarding the semester ticket (in consultation with BRANDSTUVE)
- Cross-departmental support
- Participation in the planning and implementation of the StuRa's summer festival

We Are Looking For

Committed, team-oriented, and interested students who are familiar with the basics of office communication and enjoy challenging, independent work. Basic knowledge of the structure of academic and student self-governance, as well as of the

Brandenburg's higher education landscape. A willingness to travel (within Brandenburg) is an advantage. In addition to a general interest in politics and engagement with state politics, a strong public presence is required for this mediating role. The advisor should be open to the ideas of the student body. **Good command of German and English is desired.**

Candidates should convincingly demonstrate their motivation for applying and their potential plans after the election during an introductory session in the Student Parliament or in another appropriate setting.