

## Office of Chancellor: Election timetable

10 February 2025

The Council has received notice that The Lord Sainsbury of Turville will step down from the office of Chancellor on 24 June 2025. The Council therefore now publishes the timetable for the election of the next Chancellor, together with information on the arrangements for registration of voters voting electronically and, after consulting with the Registry as returning officer, the accepted methods for submitting nominations.<sup>1</sup> A Chancellor election website is now live and will be the main source of information for voters, candidates and their supporters.<sup>2</sup>

The voters in this election will be the members of the Senate. The Senate comprises all holders of any Master's or doctoral degree of the University, or the degree of Bachelor of Divinity of the University,<sup>3</sup> in addition to the current membership of the Regent House.<sup>4</sup>

The Council has previously published a role profile describing the main duties associated with the position.<sup>5</sup> The Council welcomes candidates from a diverse range of backgrounds.

Voting will take place online and in person in the Senate-House. Votes will be cast using the Single Transferable Vote system.<sup>6</sup> Civica, which supports Regent House votes, will provide voting and other services in this election.

### Timetable

All references to times below show the times in British Summer Time (UTC+01:00).

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| Monday, 3 March 2025                    | Civica nomination site goes live (see the section on nominations below)   |
| March 2025                              | Members of the Senate receive information about what they need to do to vote in this election (see the section on registration below) |
| 5 p.m., Friday, 28 March 2025           | Deadline for alumni to book in with their Colleges for the conferment of degrees in absence on 11 April, so that they can vote online |
| 5 p.m., Friday, 2 May 2025              | Registration for online voting or changing voting method to in-person voting closes   |
| 12 noon, Friday, 2 May 2025             | Deadline for submission of full nominations   |
| Late June 2025                          | Names of candidates published   |
| 10 a.m., Wednesday, 9 July 2025         | Online voting opens; voters receive a link for online voting by email   |
| 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Saturday, 12 July 2025  | First day of in-person voting in the Senate-House   |
| 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Wednesday, 16 July 2025 | Second and final day of in-person voting in the Senate-House  |

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with Regulation 1 of the Ordinance for the Nomination and Election of the Chancellor, [Statutes and Ordinances, 2024, p. 109](#). The footnote attached to this regulation will be updated to refer to this Notice describing the currently accepted methods for submitting nominations. The previous registration process has now closed and those who completed that process will receive a message in March.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.cam.ac.uk/about-the-university/how-the-university-and-colleges-work/people/chancellor/election-of-the-next-chancellor>.

<sup>3</sup> A full list of qualifying degrees is available on the Chancellor election website.

<sup>4</sup> The current membership of the Regent House is listed on the Roll published on 6 November 2024, [Reporter, 2024–25, Special No. 2, p. 1](#).

<sup>5</sup> [Reporter, 6768, 2024–25, p. 235](#).

<sup>6</sup> See the Single Transferable Vote regulations, [Statutes and Ordinances, 2024, p. 121](#).

5 p.m., Friday, 18 July 2025

Online voting closes, with the result of the vote expected to be announced in week commencing 21 July

### Registration for online voting

The registration period for online voting opens on Monday, 3 March 2025 and closes at 5 p.m. on Friday, 2 May 2025. Members of Senate who have not registered for online voting by the end of the registration period will be able to vote in person in Cambridge.

In March, the University plans to contact all members of the Senate (including members of the Regent House) and potentially eligible alumni about registering for online voting during the registration period.<sup>7</sup>

- For the majority of eligible alumni and for members of the Regent House, the University already holds sufficient information to verify their membership of the Senate. For these groups, registration for online voting will be a very simple process to confirm whether they wish to vote online. However, a small group of alumni will be asked to provide additional information first, so that their Senate membership can be verified.
- Alumni who have completed a degree that qualifies them for Senate membership but have not had that degree conferred will be encouraged to get in touch with their College by 28 March about booking in for conferment of the degree in absence on 11 April if they wish to vote online.

The University is also working with the Colleges on making contact with alumni about the election, including current students who may be able to vote in this election.

### Methods for submitting nominations

Nominations must include a statement signed and dated by the candidate confirming their willingness to stand for election as Chancellor and have the written, signed support of at least 50 members of the Senate.<sup>8</sup> Only full nominations will be accepted.

Full nominations must be received by the Registry by the deadline of 12 noon, Friday, 2 May 2025. Forms are available for completion by candidates and supporters in Word and PDF formats and are on the Chancellor election website. The forms ask for information that will support the validation of nominations, including copies of photo ID for candidates. The candidate form provides for the inclusion of an optional personal statement. Electronic and physical (wet-ink) signatures will be accepted, including a typed name.

There are two methods for submitting nominations:

- in hard copy to the Registry, The Old Schools, Trinity Lane, Cambridge CB2 1TN;
- through the Civica nomination site (open from 3 March).

All nominations will be validated after the deadline for nominations; resubmissions will not be possible after the deadline. Candidates are therefore encouraged to submit evidence of the support of more than the minimum number of members of the Senate for their nomination. The validation process will include checks on the identity of candidates and on the Senate membership of their supporters.

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<sup>7</sup> The University will only be able to get in touch directly with alumni for whom it holds contact information. Alumni can use the online form at: <https://www.alumni.cam.ac.uk/update-your-details> to update their contact information at any time.

<sup>8</sup> See Regulation 3 of the Ordinance for the Nomination and Election of the Chancellor, [Statutes and Ordinances, 2024, p. 109](#).