

Selects 2023: Call for questions

The Swiss Election Study (Selects) is a SNSF-funded project to study electoral behavior in Switzerland (www.selects.ch). For the study of the 2023 national elections, we invite researchers to propose questions to be included in one or several of the following surveys:

- A. An online/paper **post-election survey** with about 4'500 interviews (incl. planned over-samples for ZH, GE, TI) of appx. 30 min average interview time (national sample with over-sampling of smaller cantons to guarantee at least 50 respondents per canton), covering voters and non-voters. This study will incorporate the [Module 6 questionnaire](#) of the Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (CSES).
- B. An online **panel survey** to study opinion formation during the election campaign as well as between two federal elections (random national sample), and to determine the relationship between direct democracy and elections. Each of the seven waves takes about 15-20 minutes:
 - A pre-campaign panel wave in late spring 2023.
 - A campaign wave in fall 2023.
 - A post-election panel wave after the federal elections of 2023.
 - A yearly follow-up wave (2024-2027), carried out after the popular vote in September resp. after the federal elections of 2027.
 The panel aims for about 2'000 respondents in the final wave in 2027.
- C. An online/paper **candidate survey** covering all candidates running for the National Council and the Council of States. This study will incorporate the [Module 3 questionnaire](#) of the Comparative Candidate Survey (CCS).

The core questionnaires of the voter surveys, to which successful proposals will be added, can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3Gu0ZIU>.

Proposals should be no longer than 5 pages in total and must contain:

- A short abstract of the proposal
- A thorough theoretical foundation and relevance of the proposed questions and how they relate to existing research in the field
- A proposal for question wording (in English, German, or French)
- An outline of planned publication activities

Proposals can include single questions or short blocks of questions, which may be incorporated into several parts of the study (e.g. different surveys, or several panel waves). Proposals should focus on substantial rather than methodological research. In the panel survey, preference will be given to proposals with longitudinal research questions. Given that questionnaire space is limited, especially in the post-election survey, proposals should indicate which items are of core interest.

The call for questions is open to researchers worldwide. Multiple submissions are possible. Proposals must be written in English and submitted to ankedaniela.tresch@fors.unil.ch no later than **8 July 2022**. The Selects Commission decides on the acceptance or rejection of the proposals based on the results of an anonymous peer-review process with international experts. Acceptance of questions may be made conditional to a revision of the proposal. The final question wordings and translations will be developed in collaboration with the Selects team at FORS.

Selects is an “open source” project. Having a (block of) question(s) included in the study does not give preferential access to the data. Data will be made available through SWISSUbase to all researchers at the same time.

For questions, please contact: ankedaniela.tresch@fors.unil.ch, Tel. +41 (0)21 692 37 31.