



United States of America
National Labor Relations Board
NOTICE OF ELECTION



PURPOSE OF ELECTION: This election is to determine the representative, if any, desired by the eligible employees for purposes of collective bargaining with their employer. A majority of the valid ballots cast will determine the results of the election. Only one valid representation election may be held in a 12-month period.

SECRET BALLOT: The election will be by SECRET ballot under the supervision of the Regional Director of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). A sample of the official ballot is shown on the next page of this Notice. Voters will be allowed to vote without interference, restraint, or coercion. Electioneering will not be permitted at or near the polling place. Violations of these rules should be reported immediately to an NLRB agent. Your attention is called to Section 12 of the National Labor Relations Act which provides: ANY PERSON WHO SHALL WILLFULLY RESIST, PREVENT, IMPEDE, OR INTERFERE WITH ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OR ANY OF ITS AGENTS OR AGENCIES IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES PURSUANT TO THIS ACT SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000 OR BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE YEAR, OR BOTH.

ELIGIBILITY RULES: Employees eligible to vote are those described under the VOTING UNIT on the next page and include employees who did not work during the designated payroll period because they were ill or on vacation or temporarily laid off, and also include employees in the military service of the United States who appear in person at the polls. Employees who have quit or been discharged for cause since the designated payroll period and who have not been rehired or reinstated prior to the date of this election are *not* eligible to vote.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE: Any employee or other participant in this election who has a handicap or needs special assistance such as a sign language interpreter to participate in this election should notify an NLRB Office as soon as possible and request the necessary assistance.

PROCESS OF VOTING: Upon arrival at the voting place, voters should proceed to the Board agent and identify themselves by stating their name. The Board agent will hand a ballot to each eligible voter. Voters will enter the voting booth and mark their ballot in secret. **DO NOT SIGN YOUR BALLOT.** Fold the ballot before leaving the voting booth, then personally deposit it in a ballot box under the supervision of the Board agent and leave the polling area.

CHALLENGE OF VOTERS: If your eligibility to vote is challenged, you will be allowed to vote a challenged ballot. Although you may believe you are eligible to vote, the polling area is not the place to resolve the issue. Give the Board agent your name and any other information you are asked to provide. After you receive a ballot, go to the voting booth, mark your ballot and fold it so as to keep the mark secret. **DO NOT SIGN YOUR BALLOT.** Return to the Board agent who will ask you to place your ballot in a challenge envelope, seal the envelope, place it in the ballot box, and leave the polling area. Your eligibility will be resolved later, if necessary.

AUTHORIZED OBSERVERS: Each party may designate an equal number of observers, this number to be determined by the NLRB. These observers (a) act as checkers at the voting place and at the counting of ballots; (b) assist in identifying voters; (c) challenge voters and ballots; and (d) otherwise assist the NLRB.

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**Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois**

**13-RC-369482
Stipulated**

VOTING UNIT

EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE TO VOTE:

All Postdoctoral Researchers employed by Northwestern University at the Evanston and Chicago campuses in the following positions: Postdoctoral Scholar and Research Associate, who were employed by the Employer during the payroll period ending June 30, 2025, for those employees that are paid on a monthly basis and the payroll period ending July 25, 2025 for those employees that are paid on a bi-weekly basis.

EMPLOYEES NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE:

All other employees, MD-only Postdoctoral Researchers, JD-only Postdoctoral Researchers, Senior Research Associates, Clinical Research Associates, Senior Clinical Research Associates, Clinical Fellows, Feinberg Fellows, Postdoctoral Fellows (Direct), Visiting Postdoctoral Fellows, managerial employees, guards and supervisors as defined by the Act.

OTHERS PERMITTED TO VOTE:

The parties have agreed that NRSA Postdoctoral Fellows may vote in the election, but their ballots will be challenged since their eligibility has not been resolved. No decision has been made regarding whether the individuals in these classifications or groups are included in, or excluded from, the bargaining unit. The eligibility or inclusion of these individuals will be resolved, if necessary, following the election.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF ELECTION

Monday, August 25, 2025	10:00AM to 4:00PM	Mudd Library - Room 2124, 2233 Tech Drive Evanston, IL 60208
Monday, August 25, 2025	10:00AM to 4:00PM	Lurie Medical Research Center Room 1-165, Gray Seminar Room 303 East Superior Street Chicago, IL 60611
Tuesday, August 26, 2025	10:00AM to 4:00PM	Mudd Library - Room 2124 2233 Tech Drive Evanston, IL 60208
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BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025, THE BALLOTS FROM ALL LOCATIONS WILL BE COMMINGLED AND COUNTED AT THE REGIONAL OFFICE LOCATED AT 219 S. DEARBORN, SUITE 808, CHICAGO, IL. A TALLY OF BALLOTS WILL BE PREPARED AND IMMEDIATELY MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PARTIES.

EMPLOYEES ARE FREE TO VOTE AT ANY TIME THE POLLS ARE OPEN.

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OFFICIAL SECRET BALLOT

For certain employees of
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Do you wish to be represented for purposes of collective bargaining by
UE UNION/NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY POSTDOC UNION (NUPU-UE)?

MARK AN "X" IN THE SQUARE OF YOUR CHOICE

YES

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NO

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**DO NOT SIGN OR WRITE YOUR NAME OR INCLUDE OTHER MARKINGS THAT
WOULD REVEAL YOUR IDENTITY. MARK AN "X" IN THE SQUARE OF YOUR
CHOICE ONLY.**

**If you make markings inside, or anywhere around, more than one square, return your ballot to the
Board Agent and ask for a new ballot. If you submit a ballot with markings inside, or anywhere
around, more than one square, your ballot will not be counted.**

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RIGHTS OF EMPLOYEES - FEDERAL LAW GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO:

- Form, join, or assist a union
- Choose representatives to bargain with your employer on your behalf
- Act together with other employees for your benefit and protection
- Choose not to engage in any of these protected activities
- In a State where such agreements are permitted, the Union and Employer may enter into a lawful union-security agreement requiring employees to pay periodic dues and initiation fees. Nonmembers who inform the Union that they object to the use of their payments for nonrepresentational purposes may be required to pay only their share of the Union's costs of representational activities (such as collective bargaining, contract administration, and grievance adjustment).

It is the responsibility of the National Labor Relations Board to protect employees in the exercise of these rights.

The Board wants all eligible voters to be fully informed about their rights under Federal law and wants both Employers and Unions to know what is expected of them when it holds an election.

If agents of either Unions or Employers interfere with your right to a free, fair, and honest election the election can be set aside by the Board. When appropriate, the Board provides other remedies, such as reinstatement for employees fired for exercising their rights, including backpay from the party responsible for their discharge.

The following are examples of conduct that interfere with the rights of employees and may result in setting aside of the election:

- Threatening loss of jobs or benefits by an Employer or a Union
- Promising or granting promotions, pay raises, or other benefits, to influence an employee's vote by a party capable of carrying out such promises
- An Employer firing employees to discourage or encourage union activity or a Union causing them to be fired to encourage union activity
- Making campaign speeches to assembled groups of employees on company time where attendance is mandatory, within the 24-hour period before the mail ballots are dispatched
- Incitement by either an Employer or a Union of racial or religious prejudice by inflammatory appeals
- Threatening physical force or violence to employees by a Union or an Employer to influence their votes

The National Labor Relations Board protects your right to a free choice.

Improper conduct will not be permitted. All parties are expected to cooperate fully with this Agency in maintaining basic principles of a fair election as required by law

Anyone with a question about the election may contact the NLRB Office at (312)353-7570 or visit the NLRB website www.nlr.gov for assistance.