



## KAMUZU UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

# CALL FOR SUBMISSION (RE-ADVERTISEMENT)

## KAMUZU UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES (KUHeS) MACE DESIGN COMPETITION

### BACKGROUND

The Kamuzu University of Health Sciences (KUHeS) was founded by the KUHeS Act No. 20 of 2019, through a merger of Kamuzu College of Nursing (est. 1979) and the College of Medicine (est. 1991). The University's mandate is to meet the professional needs of society at the national, regional, and international levels by conducting research, providing consulting services, and imparting knowledge and producing transferable skills through teaching and learning, research, innovation and application. The University specialises in providing undergraduate and graduate training for health professionals, including nurses, midwives, physicians, pharmacists, rehabilitation specialists, nutritionists, and biomedical scientists/lab technologists.

### Our Vision

A world-class University and centre of excellence in health education, research, and innovation.

### Our Mission

To advance knowledge, professional competencies, skills, and innovations in health sciences through high-quality student-centred and innovative education and research that responds to and influences global /national policy, health, and development needs in an efficient, sustainable, and result-oriented manner.

### Our Core Values

KUHeS is guided by the following core values that are shared to achieve excellence.

- **Care:** The University believes that client-centred service delivery is central to the provision of academic services that meet the needs of students and society. This requires incorporating the views of all the key stakeholders when designing, implementing, and evaluating academic programs. The University will prioritise empathy, compassion, and support for the well-being of our community members
- **Entrepreneurship:** The University seeks to inculcate a culture of self-reliance among faculty and students to bring about innovations that transform the health and education sectors. The University will foster a culture of creativity, risk-taking, and initiative to drive innovation and transformative change.
- **Excellence:** The University will strive to meet or exceed prescribed standards when discharging its core functions.
- **Freedom of thought and expression:** To spur innovations and promote mindset change, the University shall safeguard freedom of thought and expression, as permitted in the Constitution of Malawi, and allow individuals to hold and express their opinions, beliefs, and ideas without fear of censorship, punishment, or discrimination.
- **Innovation:** The University shall invest in ventures that support the discovery and communication of breakthrough and foundational ideas that bring about positive transformation in society.
- **Integrity:** The University shall inculcate and promote a culture of honesty, fairness, respect, and strict adherence to professional and scholarly ethics and standards among staff and students.
- **Self-directed Learning:** The University shall promote the use of available and emerging technologies and resources to promote continuous self-directed learning among students and staff so that they are able to address societal needs in a constantly changing environment.
- **Professionalism and Ethics:** The University shall promote professionalism and ethics. These standards of conduct and moral principles govern individuals' behaviour in a professional context.
- **Respect for diversity:** Consistent with the non-discrimination provisions of the Malawi Constitution, the University shall serve and treat everyone equally regardless of ethnicity, creed, gender, or any other social characteristic and ensure that no one is left behind in the pursuit of academic excellence and innovation.

- **Teamwork:** The University shall promote multi- and interdisciplinary collaboration when discharging its core functions to ensure high-quality and timely outputs that meet the aspirations of students, clients, and society.

### KUHeS MACE DESIGN COMPETITION

KUHeS is proud to announce an exciting opportunity for creative individuals to contribute to the rich heritage of our institution by designing the official university mace. The mace, a symbol of authority and academic tradition, will be carried at all ceremonial events, including graduations and inaugurations, representing the values and history of our university.

### Design Guidelines

#### Submissions should:

- **Reflect the University's Identity:** The design should embody the Vision, Mission and Core Values of the Kamuzu University of Health Sciences.
- **Incorporate Symbolism:** Elements that represent the academic excellence, and cultural significance should be prominently featured.
- **Consider Functionality:** The mace must be practical for use in ceremonial events, with a design that is both durable and easy to carry.
- **Material Suggestions:** While you are free to suggest materials, the final product will likely include traditional elements such as wood and metal.

### Submission Requirements

#### Submissions should include the following:

- **Design Concept:** A detailed explanation of your design, including the symbolism and materials used.
- **Visual Representation:** High-quality sketches, digital renderings, or 3D models of the proposed design from multiple angles.
- **Dimensions:** Proposed dimensions of the mace, ensuring it is suitable for ceremonial use (typically between 90cm and 1.3 metres in length).
- **Personal Information:** Your name and contact details.  
Submission Process
- **How to Submit:** Please send your design and accompanying documents to [mace@kuhes.ac.mw](mailto:mace@kuhes.ac.mw) with the subject line "KUHeS University Mace Design Submission - [Your Name]."
- **Deadline:** All entries must be submitted by 28th November 2024. Kindly be informed that late submissions will not be accepted.  
Judging Criteria

#### Submissions will be evaluated based on:

- Creativity and originality
- Symbolic relevance to the university
- Aesthetic appeal
- Feasibility of production

All submissions shall be reviewed by a panel of judges who shall submit recommendations to the KUHeS Management and then the KUHeS Council for their approval.

### Awards and Recognition

The winning design will be produced as the official university mace. The designer will be recognized at a special ceremony and featured in university publications. A monetary prize of **MWK1,000,000** will also be awarded to the winning entry.