



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

THE 1ST CREATIVE ARTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION CONFERENCE 20th – 21st AUGUST, 2026, MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY, KENYA

CONFERENCE THEME

Reenvisioning Creative Arts in Higher Education in the 21st Century

OBJECTIVE

Creative Arts in Higher Education Conference provides a premier platform for academics, researchers, practitioners and creatives to share experiences, exchange ideas and discuss issues related to Creative Arts practices, management, sustainability, digitalization and innovation trends as well as opportunities and challenges in their teaching in colleges and universities. The gamut of Creative Arts includes Literature, Film, Theatre, Music, Dance, Fine Art, Fashion and Design, Animation, performing and visual arts.

SUB-THEMES

1. Creative Arts Education and Pedagogy in the 21st Century
2. Creative Arts and Metho-pedagogic advancements
3. Creative Arts and Cultural Identity
4. Creative Arts, Social Cohesion, Conflict and Peace Building
5. Creative Arts and Gender
6. Creative Arts and design education
7. Creative Arts and Social Media
8. Creative Arts and globalization
9. Creative Arts and Climate change
10. Creative Arts, Protest and Resistance
11. Creative Arts, cultural tourism and wildlife
12. Creative Arts and entrepreneurship
13. Creative Arts and Multi-modal representations
14. Creative Arts and Digitalities: implications, possibilities and challenges
15. Creative Arts and Artificial Intelligence
16. Materiality in Creative arts education and research
17. Creative Arts and Innovations in post digital design methodologies
18. Creative arts research collaboration, co-design and co-inquiry

PANELS AND EXHIBITIONS

Academics, researchers, practitioners and creatives wishing to propose panels and exhibit their creative works of art during the conference are encouraged to do so.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

1. Abstracts of 200-300 words should be emailed to: creativearts.conference@mksu.ac.ke
2. Abstracts should be a paragraph long with 5-6 keywords clearly indicated;
3. Abstracts should include the name of the author(s), affiliations, and email address (es);
4. Full papers should be between 5000-7000 words prepared using Times New Roman, size 12 font, spacing of 1.5;
5. All papers should follow MLA 9th Edition Citation Style;
6. Full papers should be emailed to: creativearts.conference@mksu.ac.ke

PUBLICATION

All presentations in the conference will undergo further double-blind peer review for publishing in an edited volume on Creative Arts and Higher Education.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE

CATEGORY	FEES
Participants from the East Africa	KES 8,000
International Participants	100 USD
Postgraduate Students	KES 4,000
Conference Exhibitors	KES 15,000

CONFERENCE PAYMENT INFORMATION

Conference Participation fees will be paid through the following bank details:

- Bank Name: National Bank of Kenya
- Account Name: Machakos University
- Account No. 01020078499401
- Branch: Machakos
- Bank Code: 12048
- Swift Code: NBKEKENXXXX

IMPORTANT TIMELINES

- Deadline for submission of Abstracts: 30th April 2026
- Notification for Abstract Acceptance: 30th May 2026
- Panel and Exhibition Proposal Deadline: 30th June 2026
- Early Bird Conference Registration: June 2026
- Full Paper Submission Deadline: 30th July 2026
- Conference Dates: 20th – 21st August 2026
- Conference Venue: Amphitheatre, Machakos University