

# KAUST Got Talent 2026 Guidelines

This popular event is seeking, musicians, dancers, rappers, actors, comedians, magicians, etc. Now is your time to shine and prepare for the auditions!

## Final Event Day

**Thursday, May 14** at the Auditorium (building 20) **6:30 – 9:00 pm.**

## Preliminary Auditions

For adults – Mid of April: Dates TBC, Discovery Square Theatre (room 1)

TKS will organise the youth category auditions separately.

## Eligibility

Eligible Talent Show participants include KAUST employees, service providers and residents in the KAUST community over 14 years old. 14-18 years old participants should register through TKS.

Prize winners from the previous year (2025) are not eligible to enter. The same applies for the TKS winners.

All other previous participants from KAUST Got Talent 2025 are encouraged to audition again.

Acceptance is not guaranteed.

## Preliminary Auditions and Dress Rehearsal

All members of the act should attend the preliminary auditions and be dressed in performance attire that will be worn at the Talent Show.

KAUST Got Talent adult finalists are required to attend the KAUST Got Talent dress rehearsals on

**Tuesday, May 12 or Wednesday, May 13**, with timed slots **from 5:00 – 9:00 PM**. TKS participant finalists may have dress rehearsals **May 12 or 13 from 3.30 – 5.00PM**.

## Format

We encourage a variety of talents to be featured, and preliminary auditions will be held to select a group of finalists. Entries will be judged based on creativity, preparation, stage presence, confidence and talent. An individual may enter the Talent Show with one act only. The maximum time for each act is five minutes. All acts must be appropriate for all age groups.

The participants must provide their own equipment, except for sound and lights equipment. If your act requires pre-recorded accompanying music, please give it to the KAUST Got Talent Committee at the time of your audition. If you do not provide your technical requirements in detail, we cannot guarantee to provide the necessary technical support.

Five participants per act will be accepted. *Larger acts of more than five persons must seek prior permission* directly from the Community Life organizers (contact [community.events@kaust.edu.sa](mailto:community.events@kaust.edu.sa)) and then submit the registration form once this is agreed. Only one member of the act should submit the registration details to include all named persons in the act.

TKS high school participants (14-18 years old) should register through the school. Please contact [eduardo.regula@thekaustschool.org](mailto:eduardo.regula@thekaustschool.org) for more information.

**Winners are selected by a combination of audience participation with a “Real-Time” voting app and a panel of judges (each accounting for 50% of the final result).**

There will be prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd most voted contestants.

TKS participants (14-18 years old) will compete in a separate Youth category