

KSK Po‘o Kula Search Updates

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Aloha mai kākou,

The search for our next po‘o kula at Kapālama is moving forward with much collective care and thought. Mahalo nui for the aloha, kōkua, and mana‘o you have shared along the way. From the deep conversations earlier this fall to the nearly 900 responses to our campus questionnaire, your voices have helped to ground this process in the lived experiences and aspirations of our Kapālama ‘ohana.

With the support of Educators Collaborative, our search for the new po‘o kula remains on track and is progressing as planned. The application window for the po‘o kula position closed on November 15, and we are encouraged by both the number and the strength of the applications received. We are now in the screening phase, which starts with each application being carefully reviewed to identify candidates whose experience, leadership, and values align with the present and future needs of Ke Kula ‘o Kamehameha ma Kapālama.

Throughout this process, the KSK Po‘o Kula Review Committee has been essential in representing the Kapālama ‘ohana. Committee members have helped to design a rigorous, values-based process and continue to bring forward the perspectives of all campus stakeholders to inform our decisions and next steps. Following the screening phase, a subset of the committee will actively assist with interviews and evaluation for both semifinalists and finalists.

Looking ahead, you will have a chance to meet the finalist candidates on campus and offer your mana‘o. These engagement opportunities are slated for February 2-4, 2026. As details are confirmed, we will share more information about how members of our Kapālama community can participate and provide feedback on the finalists.

As a reminder, our [Kapālama po‘o kula search webpage](#) includes updates, an overview of the process and timeline, and future opportunities to stay engaged. We encourage you to visit this site regularly as we move forward together.

If you have additional mana‘o or questions, please connect with your Review Committee representative(s) or send an email to ksksearch@ksbe.edu. Every voice strengthens this process, and we mahalo you for the care and thought you bring to shaping the future of Kapālama.

Me ke aloha nui,

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