

# Virtual Professional Development Days for faculty and staff

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On October 1 and 2, the Office of Human Resources and Institutional Equity in partnership with vendors and departments across the campus will host a two-day [Professional Development Day event](#). All faculty and staff are invited to participate in the virtual event, which will include 40 concurrent sessions, a resource fair, a growth mindset jam, technical training, a panel discussion with our senior leaders and a keynote speaker session on diversity, equity and inclusion.

The purpose of the event is to connect with colleagues, share best practices and promote professional development opportunities and awareness of tools available to support employee growth. The seven key learning tracks include Effective Communication, Performance Management, Supervisory Skills, Leadership, Technical, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and Self-Care. Speakers from within Tulane and guest speakers will present workshops on relevant topics such as self-care, resiliency, agility, empathy and mindfulness all supporting the theme to **Connect, Learn, Grow and Lead Together**.

"This academic year is unlike any other. And the success of our faculty and staff is more important than ever to the future of Tulane University. The passion and determination I have witnessed from Tulane's employees has been nothing short of inspiring as we continue to face unprecedented challenges. Investing in your own self-care and professional development is crucial, so I urge all Tulane employees to take advantage of our second-annual Professional Development Days," Tulane President Michael Fitts said.

This year, the Office of Human Resources and Institutional Equity is leveraging technology and the flexibility of local and national speakers to bring you more sessions, more insights and more opportunities to grow professionally. The shift to a virtual conference involves many moving parts and considerations, and the office is working hard to ensure it provides the best virtual experience possible. To ensure an engaging experience, the office has purchased a virtual event platform, [WHOVA](#), to bring the Tulane community together.

To preview the agenda and register, visit the event webpage at <https://hr.tulane.edu/pdd20/agenda-and-registration-2020>. For questions, contact [lodhr@tulane.edu](mailto:lodhr@tulane.edu).