

[Celebrate Juneteenth with training by Academics for Black Lives](#)

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Academics for Black Lives or A4BL is offering training for Tulane faculty and staff to learn about anti-Black racism. (Photo by Rusty Costanza)

In honor of Juneteenth, the celebration of the emancipation of enslaved Black people in the United States, Tulane's Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) is participating in a training program offered by Academics for Black Survival and Wellness, also known as Academics for Black Lives or A4BL. The program is an opportunity for faculty and staff to be immersed in the skill building and deep learning about anti-Black racism needed to interrupt and dismantle it.

A4BL was founded in 2020 by Della V. Mosley, assistant professor of counseling psychology at the University of Florida, and fourth-year counseling psychology doctoral candidate Pearis L. Bellamy following the murder of George Floyd. The organization's mission is to enhance healing and wellness for Black people and to foster accountability and growth for non-Black people. The training provides increased awareness and knowledge of anti-Black racism and how it manifests in higher education environments as well as strategies to address the issue in a university community.

The virtual training will run from Sunday, June 19, Juneteenth, through Friday, July 1, with daily offerings from academics from A4BL. Tulanians who would like to participate this year should complete this [form](#). To learn more about A4BL, [click here](#)

“The ultimate goal (of the training) is to create both a higher education environment and a world where Black faculty, staff and students experience thriving, empowerment, and liberation in higher education and the world,” said Anneliese Singh, Tulane’s associate provost for diversity and faculty development and chief diversity officer.