

LAW and ORGANIZING ACADEMY

**Are you interested
in the role of law
and organizing in
transformative
social change?**

**Are you currently
attending a law
school in NYC or will
you be interning in
NYC this summer?**

**If so, apply
to the 2026
Law and
Organizing
Academy!**



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We invite current law students from New York-area law schools or with New York-area summer internships to apply to our fourth annual Law & Organizing Academy (LOA), to be held on May 20-21, June 5, July 10, and July 24, 2026 in various locations in New York City and one day in upstate New York. LOA 2026 is jointly organized by The Action Lab (TAL) and NYU Law's Initiative for Community Power.

The Law and Organizing Academy (LOA) brings law students for a short course of study to build community and learn key frameworks and skills at the intersection of organizing, law, and political economy. Amid the escalating and interlocking crises that define our current moment, progressive law students are seeking ways to practice law that build movement power. Yet law schools rarely provide space to interrogate the relationship between law and organizing, and there are even fewer opportunities to come together to forge solidarity across institutional boundaries. LOA provides that space by connecting students with organizers and scholars to learn about

the fundamentals of organizing, social change, law and political economy, political education and to analyze some current campaigns for economic and racial justice.

The schedule for LOA 2026 is as follows:

- **Wednesday, May 20 (10am to 6pm)**
- **Thursday, May 21 (10am to 6pm)**
- **Friday, June 5 (10am to 4pm)**
- **Thursday, June 18:** Happy Hour
- **Friday, July 10 (10am to 4pm)**
- **Friday, July 24 (10am to 4pm)**

Topics covered will include organizing frameworks, introduction to law and political economy, racial capitalism and the state, theories of social change, power-building, learning from practitioners and campaigns for racial and economic justice.

Similar to last year, the academy will start with two grounding days before your internship starts and three continuing education days throughout the summer. To participate in the program, you must attend all of the dates bolded above.


LOA is free to attend. For our day in upstate NY, LOA will reimburse train travel from NYC.

HOW TO APPLY

Many LOA students come from partner organizations, who send their interns to LOA at the start of the summer. We will also have spots for other current law students who have a demonstrated interest in power-building work and/or social change. Please note that we are only accepting applications from students attending New York-area law schools or interning in the New York area in summer 2026, due to the geographic focus of the Academy.

To apply to LOA, please fill out the online application no later than February 27, 2026.

Application Materials:

1. **Google Form** scan QR code at the bottom of the page or go to  <https://forms.gle/puR845737ziYT YEh8>
2. **Cover letter/personal statement:** This statement, which should not exceed one page double-spaced, should detail your interest in and experience with **1) power-building work and/or 2) social change.**
3. **Resume**

LOA ORGANIZERS

The Action Lab is a strategy center for social movements that sparks political and personal liberation. We provide rigorous and joyful spaces for organizers, leaders and artists to learn, to create and to strengthen our capacity to win. We strive to build a powerful culture that lifts us out of the immediate and enables us to envision and realize our way to a just future.

The Initiative for Community Power at NYU School of Law combines the weight and assets of a global academic institution with deep community partnerships and decades of high-impact community organizing and power-building work. The Initiative catalyzes analysis, innovation, and project work to create a more equitable, democratic, and racially just society. The Initiative works closely with non-profit, academic, and government partners to reimagine the parameters of the possible, and to transform our vision of dynamic democracy, rooted in racial and economic justice, into reality. The Initiative is housed in the Center on Race, Inequality and the Law at NYU School of Law.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Daniela Tagtachian at daniela@actionlabny.org

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