

Dear friends,

With deep gratitude for his wisdom and spiritual leadership, I write to share that Muslim Chaplain, Imam Abdul-Malik Merchant, will be leaving Tufts University on August 1, 2021, for a new position at a Muslim community center in metro Washington, D.C.

Imam Abdul-Malik was appointed Muslim Chaplain at Tufts University in September 2019. During his two years in this role, he has supported students, staff and faculty; led innovative scholarly programs like “Islam at Sea Level;” and participated in many interfaith programs related to health and wellness, storytelling, and social justice. During his time at Tufts, Imam Abdul-Malik was awarded a Tisch Faculty Fellowship, and researched the spiritual needs of undergraduate students of color during the Covid-19 pandemic. He has also contributed to national initiatives, including the Black Muslim Psychology Conference and the Omar ibn Said Institute for Black Muslim Studies and Research, sponsored by the Muslim Wellness Foundation, on whose board he now serves. We are grateful for Imam Abdul-Malik’s leadership and the ways he shared his work and research with students and the University Chaplaincy team while at Tufts.



*Imam Abdul-Malik Merchant,  
Muslim Chaplain*

Please join us next Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. ET for a virtual gathering to thank Imam Abdul-Malik and wish him well as he begins a new role and chapter in religious leadership. Zoom details are below and on our [website](#).

I am pleased to share that the search process for a new Muslim Chaplain will begin soon, with an anticipated start date during the fall semester.

Pax et lux,

Rev. Elyse Nelson Winger  
University Chaplain

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