

Junior McNair Scholars 2009-2010 Preliminary Schedule

Month/Date	Event	Description
August 29 9:00 am-2:00 pm	<i>New Scholar Orientation</i> Wilderness Ridge	Congratulations on your acceptance to the McNair Scholars Program at UNL! The New Scholar Orientation provides an overview of the program and an opportunity to meet and visit with key McNair staff, UNL faculty, graduate students and the Senior McNair Scholars.
September 14 4:00 - 5:30 pm	<i>Planning Your Research Project: Overview of the Research Process</i>	This session will provide an overview of the basic research process to help you begin planning your research project.
October 5 4:00 - 5:30 pm	<i>Selecting A Research Topic: The Research Question</i>	In this session we'll discuss strategies for identifying a research topic to explore and examine what makes a good research question.
November 2 4:00 - 5:30 pm	<i>The IRB CITI certification & IRB Protocol Application</i> Becky Freeman, IRB and Research Compliance	
November 16 4:00 - 5:30 pm	<i>Writing a Research Proposal</i>	During this session we'll focus on writing the summer research proposal.
December 11 5:00 - 7:00 pm	<i>Social Event with Senior Scholars</i>	
January	MLK Celebration Breakfast Embassy Suites Hotel	Celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday at this community breakfast.
	<i>McNair Research Proposal Reports</i>	In this session, Scholars will talk about their research plan, including the research question, methodology and hypotheses.
	<i>UCARE Proposal</i>	Schedule individual meetings to review your summer research proposal and prepare UCARE proposal.
February	<i>Graduate Fellowships: What are they & how to apply</i>	This session will give you a general introduction to graduate fellowships and explain how to complete graduate fellowship application.
March	<i>Planning for Summer Research: Working Effectively with Your Mentor</i>	
April	<i>Applying to Graduate School: Improving Your Credentials</i>	In this session we'll review the graduate application process and talk about ways you can strengthen your application.
April 8	<i>Undergraduate Research Conference</i>	Attend the <i>Undergraduate Research Conference</i> to support your fellow McNair scholars!
	<i>McNair Recognition Reception</i> Lied Center Steinhart Room	An annual celebration and recognition of our Senior McNair Scholars' accomplishments. Bring your family and/or friends.

NOTE: Each scholar is also required to meet once a month with a McNair graduate assistant or staff member. Use these meetings to discuss your UCARE and/or summer research proposals, plans for graduate studies, writing your personal statement, or other topics related to research and graduate school.

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