

McNair Junior Scholars 2009-2010 Schedule

Meeting Date	Event	Description	Individual Monthly Meeting: Suggested Topic for Discussion
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.	August - No individual meeting required
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.	September - Personal Education Plan
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.	October - Research Mentor & Time Management
November 2 4:00 - 5:30 pm	<i>Responsible Conduct of Research</i>		November - Narrowing Research Topic & Career Goals
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.	
Friday, December 11 4:30 - 6:30 pm	<i>Social Event with Senior Scholars</i> Old Chicago - 826 P Street		December - No individual meeting required
Friday, January 15 7:30 - 8:30 am	MLK Celebration Breakfast Embassy Suites Hotel	Celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday at this community breakfast.	January - UCARE research proposal, finalize & review research plan
January 21 5:00 - 6:30 pm	<i>McNair Research Proposal Reports</i> McNair Staff	In this session, Scholars will talk about their research plan, including the research question, methodology and hypotheses.	
January	<i>UCARE Proposal</i>	Schedule individual meetings to review your UCARE proposal before January 29.	
February 18 5:00 - 6:30 pm	<i>Graduate Fellowships: How to Apply</i> Dr. Laura Damuth, Director of Undergraduate Research & Fellowship Advising	This session will give you a general introduction to graduate fellowships and explain how to complete graduate fellowship applications.	February - McNair Summer Research Proposal & questions on IRB
March 4 5:00 - 6:30 pm	<i>Planning for Summer Research</i> McNair Staff	This session will focus on things to think about to prepare for summer research, including: the review of literature, completing your IRB protocol, working effectively with your mentor, and preparing for the GRE.	March - Literature review, working with mentor & IRB questions
April 8	<i>Undergraduate Research Conference</i>	Attend the <i>Undergraduate Research Conference</i> to support your fellow McNair scholars!	April - Literature review, questions on applying to graduate schools, MSRE questions
April 15 5:00 - 6:30 pm	<i>Applying to Graduate School: Improving Your Credentials</i> Panel Presentation -	In this session we'll review the graduate application process and talk about ways you can strengthen your application.	
April 23 5:30 - 7:00 pm	<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.	

Individual Monthly Meeting: You are *required* to meet once a month with a McNair graduate assistant or staff member. Schedule your monthly appointments early in the month; avoid the last days of the month. 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. In addition to required monthly meetings, you are welcome to schedule appointments at anytime to meet with McNair Staff on any topic you wish to discuss.