

McNair Senior & Master Scholars 2009-2010 Schedule

Meeting Date	Event	Description	Individual Monthly Meeting: Suggested Topic for Discussion
August 31 5:30 - 7:00 pm	<i>Dinner at Billy's Restaurant</i>	Report out on Berkeley trip; feedback on MSRE; planning for fall and spring; staff will discuss what it means to be a Senior Scholar, and expectations for working with your graduate student mentoring.	August - No individual meeting required
September 21 5:00 - 6:30 pm	<i>Application Update</i>	Scholars will share where they're in the application process, GRE, and finding recommenders.	September - Update Personal Education Plan & Graduate School Matrix
October 12 5:00 - 6:30 pm	<i>Graduate Admissions Committees Faculty Panel:</i> Dr. Helen Moore, Sociology Dr. David Pitts, Mathematics	On what basis do graduate schools admit students? How important are the various criteria (GRE scores, letters of recommendation, GPA, campus activities, etc) in graduate admissions decisions? A faculty panel will discuss the criteria graduate admissions committees use in making admissions decisions.	October/November - Graduate application questions, SOP and CV revisions & Time Management
November 9 5:00 - 6:30 pm	<i>Personalizing your graduate application</i>	You'll most likely have a "template" for applications essays, but each essay needs to be individualized to strengthen chances at individual programs. Even if essays are largely the same, each needs to be personalized to fit faculty , school, and program strengths.	Non-graduates - strengthening graduate application
Friday, December 11 4:30 - 6:30 pm	<i>Social Event</i> Old Chicago - 826 P Street	Enjoy some social time with Junior Scholars and Graduate Student Mentors.	December - No individual meeting required
Friday, January 15 7:30 - 8:30 am	<i>MLK Celebration Breakfast</i> Embassy Suites Hotel	Celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday at this community breakfast.	January - Campus visits
January 28 5:00 - 6:30 pm	<i>Preparing for Campus Visits</i> Amanda Bergeron-Bauer, Graduate Recruitment & Retention Coordinator	It's important to visit schools you might want to attend; these visits allow you to actually experience the college before you make a commitment; this session will provide information on how to make your visit most successful.	Non-graduates - UCARE research proposal & Summer Research opportunities
February 25 5:00 - 6:30 pm	<i>Managing Graduate School</i> Graduate Student Panel	This session will focus on setting up your office, building relationships, working with your mentor, and balancing your responsibilities. A panel of graduate students at various stages of their program will discuss their graduate school experience.	February / March - Campus visits, graduate school decisions Non-graduates - Summer research opportunities, CVs and personal statements
March 25 5:00 - 6:30 pm	<i>Graduate School: What to Expect</i> McNair Staff	This session will uncover the mystery of common terms used in graduate school, (i.e., qualifying exams, comps) and the differences between masters and doctoral programs.	
April 8	<i>Undergraduate Research Conference</i>	Present poster for the Undergraduate Research Conference, held in conjunction with the UNL Research Fair.	April - No individual meeting required
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 twice per semester with a McNair graduate assistant or staff member. Plan ahead: Schedule your appointments early in the month instead of waiting until the last minute. Use these meetings to discuss your 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.