### McNair Junior Scholars

#### 2018–19 Schedule

All meetings are in Seaton Hall Room 12, unless otherwise specified.

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| **Saturday, August 25**  
10:00 AM – 1:30 PM  
Lied Commons | New Scholar Orientation | 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 |
| **Friday, September 14**  
2:30 – 3:45 PM | Planning Your Research Project / Overview of the Research Process | This session will provide an overview of the basic research process to help you begin planning your research project. | September – Individual Development Plan & Career Goals |
| **Friday, September 28**  
3:30 – 4:45 PM | Selecting a Research Topic: The Research Question | 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 |
| **Friday, October 19**  
3:30 – 4:45 PM | Writing a Research Proposal | During this session, we'll focus on writing the summer research proposal. | |
| **Friday, November 2**  
3:30 – 4:45 PM | Managing your Sources – Loma Dawes – University Libraries  
Entering the Conversation: Building Your Review of Literature | This session will focus on the importance of and properly citing your sources and building the literature review. | November - Literature review, subject specialist librarian meeting |
| **Thursday, January 17**  
3:30 – 4:45 PM | McNair Research Proposal Reports & Responsible Conduct of Research | Using the MSRE Project Worksheet as a guide, Scholars will talk about their research plan, including the research question, methodology and hypotheses. We'll also discuss conducting research responsibly. | January – Narrowing Research Topic. Schedule individual meeting to review your McNair Summer Research Proposal & review research plan before January 31. Proposal is due February 14, 2019. |
| **Thursday, February 7**  
3:30 – 4:45 PM | Graduate Fellowships Overview  
Dr. Lisa Rohde  
Statement of Purpose Overview  
Hellina Gesese, McNair Graduate Assistant | This session will give you a general introduction and overview of the statement of purpose and graduate fellowships. | February – Review UCARE research proposal 1 week prior to deadline of March 3 (Academic Year 2019-20) & questions on IRB |
| **Thursday, March 7**  
3:30 – 4:45 PM | Preparing for the Summer Research Experience | This session will focus on things to think about to prepare for summer research, including: the review of literature, and working effectively with your mentor. | March – Discuss broad career goals, applying to graduate schools, and looking for fellowships. |
| **Thursday, April 4**  
3:30 – 4:45 PM | Applying to Graduate School: Improving Your Credentials | In this session, we’ll review the graduate application process and talk about ways you can strengthen your application. | April – Discuss working with mentor, RCR Training, IRB & MSRE questions. |
| **Monday, April 15**  
3:30 – 5:00 PM  
Nebraska Union | Undergraduate Research Conference Poster Session | Attend the Undergraduate Research Conference to support your fellow McNair scholars! | |
| **Friday, April 19**  
5:30 – 7:00 pm  
Lied Commons | McNair Recognition Reception | An annual celebration and recognition of our McNair Scholars’ accomplishments. Bring your family and/or friends. | May – No Individual meeting |

**Individual Monthly Meeting:** You’re 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 any time to meet with McNair Staff on any topic you wish to discuss.