

McNair Graduating Scholars 2021-22 Schedule

All meetings are in Seaton Hall Room 206, unless otherwise specified

Meeting Date/Time	Event	Description	Individual Monthly Meeting: Suggested Topic for Discussion
<i>Wednesday, August 25 4:15 – 5:15 PM Seaton 206</i>	<i>MSRE Debriefing Meeting for *Post-MSRE 2021 Scholars</i>	Feedback on MSRE 2021, selecting a graduate student mentor, and discussion on what it means to be a Senior/ Graduating Scholar.	August - No individual meeting required
<i>Thursday, September 16 5:00 – 6:00 PM Seaton 206</i>	<i>Organizing Your Graduate Applications and Peer Review of your Statement of Purpose</i>	Group will discuss organizing components of grad application recommender packets. Bring your SOP to share for peer review.	September - Update Individual Development Plan (IDP), & Graduate School Matrix, funding & fellowships
<i>Thursday, October 7 5:00 – 6:00 PM Seaton 206</i>	<i>Graduate Admissions Committees Faculty Panel Dr. David Hansen, Psychology Dr. Edward Harris, Biochemistry Dr. Xu Li, Civil & Environmental Engineering</i>	On what basis do graduate schools admit students? How important are the various criteria (GRE scores, GPA, letters of recommendation, etc.) in graduate admissions decisions? A faculty panel will discuss the criteria graduate admissions committees use in making admissions decisions.	October Graduate application questions, SOP and CV revisions
			December – No individual meeting required
<i>Wednesday, January 26 4:30 – 5:30 PM</i>	<i>Preparing for Campus Visits/Virtual Interviews & Networking at Conferences</i>	It's important to visit prospective graduate programs, even if it takes place remotely. This allows you to meet faculty and graduate students, as well as experience the department culture before you make a commitment. This session will help you prepare for a successful visit.	January/February Graduates: Honors thesis, campus visits, and accepting an offer
<i>Wednesday, February 16 4:30 – 5:30 PM</i>	<i>What it Takes to be a Successful Graduate Student & Managing Graduate School Expectations</i>	This session will focus on building relationships, working with your mentor, and balancing responsibilities. We'll discuss tips for being a successful graduate students provided by McNair Alumni at various stages of their program.	
<i>April 11–12 Schedule TBD Nebraska Union</i>	<i>Undergraduate Research Days</i>	Prepare a poster presentation for the Undergraduate Research Days. If you received UCARE funding, you should plan to participate in this event.	March/April Exit Interviews
<i>Friday, April 22 5:30 – 7:00 PM Lied Commons</i>	<i>McNair Recognition Reception</i>	An annual celebration and recognition of our McNair Scholars' accomplishments.	
			May – No individual meeting required

Individual Monthly Meeting: You're *required* to meet twice per semester with a McNair 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, graduate school and career goals. 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.