



McNair Graduating Scholars 2023-24 Schedule

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

Meeting Date/Time	Event	Description	Individual Monthly Meeting: Suggested Topic for Discussion
Monday, August 28 2:00 – 3:00 PM Seaton 206	<i>MSRE Debriefing Meeting for *Post-MSRE 2023 Scholars Graduate Student Mentoring Program</i>	Feedback on MSRE 2023, selecting a graduate student mentor, and discussion on what it means to be a Senior/ Graduating Scholar.	August - No individual meeting required
Monday, September 11 3:30 – 4:30 PM Seaton 206	<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
Monday, October 9 3:30 – 4:30 PM Seaton 206	<i>Graduate Admissions Committees Faculty Panel:</i> Dr. David Hansen, Psychology Dr. Nicole Buan, Biochemistry Dr. Herman Batelaan, Physics	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/November Graduate application questions, SOP and CV revisions
			December – No individual meeting required
Thursday, January 25 2:30 – 3:30 PM	<i>Preparing for Campus Visits/Virtual Interviews</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 Honors thesis, campus visits, and accepting an offer
Thursday, February 22 2:30 – 3:30 PM	<i>Managing Graduate School Graduate Students Panel:</i> Casey Tisdale, Psychology Spencer Pak, Mechanical Engineering Sarah Barker Ladd, Child, Youth, & Family Studies	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.	
March 26-27 Schedule TBD Nebraska Union	<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.	
Thursday, April 11 2:30 – 3:30 PM	<i>Graduate School: What to Expect</i>	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.	March/April Exit Interviews
Friday, April 26 5:30 – 7:00 PM <i>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.