

McNair Senior 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
<i>Monday, August 28</i> 2:00 – 3:00 PM <i>Seaton 206</i>	<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
<i>Monday, September 25</i> 1:30 – 2:30 PM <i>Seaton 206</i>	<i>Organizing Your Summer Research Applications and Peer Review of your Statement of Purpose</i>	Group will discuss organizing components of summer research application recommender packets. Bring your SOP to share for peer review.	September –Update Individual Development Plan (IDP), Graduate Student Mentors questions
<i>Monday, October 23</i> 1:30 – 2:30 PM <i>Seaton 206</i>	<i>Graduate Fellowships II</i> Presented by Dr. Jim Lewis, Department of Mathematics	This session will focus on how to find fellowships, read the funding agency’s mission statement and about us, and tailor your materials to meet evaluation criteria. You’ll learn how to apply those techniques to personalizing your statement of purpose to specific graduate programs and universities.	October/November - Goals & activities to reach goals (e.g., UCARE research, Summer Research Programs, Internships), CVs and personal statements
			December – No individual meeting required
<i>Thursday, February 1</i> 3:30 – 4:30 PM	<i>Professionalism & Networking at Disciplinary Conferences</i>	We’ll discuss professional etiquette, and how to network at conferences and campus events. Come prepared with a short elevator speech about yourself and your research.	January/February – Summer Research Applications & UCARE. Meet with staff to review your UCARE Proposal 1 week prior to the deadline for Summer 2024 and/or AY 2024-25
<i>Thursday, February 29</i> 3:30 – 4:30 PM	<i>Graduate Fellowships III</i>	Peer review of personal, research, and broader impact statements	
<i>March 26-27</i> Schedule TBD <i>Nebraska Union</i>	Undergraduate Research Days	Prepare a poster presentation for the Undergraduate Research Days. If you received UCARE funding, you should plan to participate in this event.	March/April – Strengthening graduate application, applying for fellowships
<i>Thursday, April 4</i> 3:30 – 4:30 PM	<i>Making the Most of your Summer to Prepare Graduate Applications</i>	Prepare Graduate and fellowship applications. Study & take the GRE	
<i>Friday, April 26</i> 5:30 – 7:00 PM <i>Lied Commons</i>	McNair Recognition Reception	An annual celebration and recognition of our McNair Scholars’ accomplishments.	
			May – No individual meeting required

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, 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.