



McNair Summer Research Experience

May/June 2025

Due Dates

June 4 – Structure of a Research Paper
June 6 – Activity Reports 1 & 2 due

June 11– Outline of Research Paper
June 11 – Research Progress Update

June 18– Draft #1: Intro & Lit Review/Background/Theory
June 20– Activity Reports 3 & 4

June 25–Draft #2: Title Page, Abstract, Intro & Methods sections
June 26– Final Abstract by 8:00 AM

Learning Objectives

Construct an outline of your research paper.

Write a draft of your Introduction and Literature Review/Theory sections.

Construct a research poster

Develop & deliver a 15-minute research presentation using PowerPoint

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 25	May 26 Memorial Day - UNL offices closed	May 27 On-campus students move in between 2-5	May 28 Summer Research Orientation 9:00 – 11:00 am	May 29 GRE Overview & Strategies 9:00 – 11:00 am	May 30 GRE Pre-assessment 9:00 am–12:30 pm Required	May 31
June 1	2 GRE Prep: Quantitative 9:00 – 11:00 am	3	4 Fundamentals of Research Writing I 9:00 – 11:00 am Structure of a Research Paper assignment	5	6 Submit SIGNED Activity Reports 1 & 2 before 4:00 pm	7
8	9 GRE Prep: Verbal Reasoning 9:00 – 11:00 am	10	11 Fundamentals of Research Writing II 9:00 – 11:00 am Bring research paper Outline & Research Progress Updates	12	13	14
15	16 GRE Prep: Analytical Writing 9:00 – 11:00 am	17	18 Creating a Poster Presentation 9:00 – 11:00 am Draft #1: Intro, Lit Review/ Background/Theory	19 Juneteenth Holiday	20 Submit SIGNED Activity Reports 3 & 4 before 4:00 pm	21
22	23 GRE Post-assessment 9:00 am – 12:30 pm Required	24	25 Effective Research Presentations 9:00 – 11:00 am Draft #2: Title Page, Abstract, Intro & Methods sections	26 Submit Final UCLA Abstract by 8:00 AM	27	28
29	30					

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June/July 2025

Due Dates

July 2 – PowerPoint Presentation outline
 July 2 – Research Paper Draft #3
 July 3 – Activity Reports 5 & 6
 July 7 – Draft of Poster & PowerPoint
 July 7–10 – PowerPoint & Poster Appts

July 9 – Graduate School List
 July 16 – Final Poster
 July 17– Final PowerPoint
 July 18– Activity Report 7 & 8

July 25– Activity Report 9
 July 25– Final Research Paper
 July 25 – SOP & CV

Learning Objectives

Write a 15- to 20-page research paper

Identify 10-12 graduate schools of interest & criteria that makes them a good “fit” for you.

Write a statement of purpose and curriculum vitae for graduate school.

Present research findings at a scholarly conference through oral presentations

Learn how to network at conferences

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 29	June 30	July 1	2 Research Paper Peer Review 9:00 – 11:00 am Research Paper – Draft #3 PowerPoint presentation outline	3 SIGNED Activity Reports 5 & 6 before 4:00 pm	4 NO CLASSES – UNL HOLIDAY	July 5
6	7 <i>Individual PowerPoint & Poster Appointments</i> July 7-10	8	9 <i>Graduate School Selection</i> 9:00 – 11:00 am Bring Graduate School List	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Submit Final Poster by 8:00 am <i>Statement of Purpose Workshop</i> 9:00 – 11:00 am	17 Submit Final PowerPoint by 8:00 am	18 SIGNED Activity Report 7 & 8 before 4:00 pm	19
20	21 <i>Oral Presentation Practice – Schedule to be assigned</i>	22	23 <i>Overview: McNair Research Colloquium & California McNair Conference</i> 9:00 – 11:00 am	24 McNair Summer Research Colloquium 1:30 – 3:00 pm	25 Submit Final Research Paper, SOP, CV, & SIGNED Activity Report 9 before 12:00 noon	26
27	28 Departure for UCLA Conference	29 UCLA Conference	30 UCLA Conference	July 31 Return from UCLA Conference		

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August 2025

Due Dates

August 6 – UCLA Concurrent Session Forms, Expense Vouchers & Receipts

August 7 – MSRE/ McNair Conference Reflective Essay

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Present research findings at a scholarly conference through a poster presentation

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					August 1	2
3	4 Engineering Summer Research Poster Session 1:00 – 3:00 pm	5 Summer Research Poster Session 1:00 – 3:00 pm	6 Concurrent Forms, Expense Voucher & Receipts DUE to Carol by 2:00 pm	7 MSRE / McNair Conference Reflective Essay DUE by 4:00 pm	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Fall Semester Begins	26	27	28	29	30
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