

McNair Junior Scholars 2024-25 Schedule

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

Meeting Date/Time	Event	Description	Individual Monthly Meeting: Suggested Topic for Discussion
Saturday, August 24 9:00 – 11:30 AM Via Zoom	<i>New Scholar Orientation via Zoom:</i> https://unl.zoom.us/j/9645372004	The New Scholar Orientation provides an overview of the program and an opportunity to meet and visit with key McNair staff and your fellow Scholars.	August - No individual meeting required
Wednesday, September 4 2:30 – 4:00 PM	<i>Planning Your Research Project / Overview of the Research Process</i>	This session will provide an overview of the basic research process to help you begin planning your research project.	September – Review Individual Development Plan (IDP), career goals, & research mentor
Wednesday, September 18 2:30 – 4:00 PM	<i>Selecting a Research Topic: The Research Question</i>	In this session, we'll discuss strategies for identifying a research topic to explore and examine what makes a good research question.	
Wednesday, October 2 2:30 – 4:00 PM	<i>Writing a Research Proposal</i>	During this session, we'll focus on writing the summer research proposal.	October – Time Management
Wednesday, October 16 2:30 – 4:00 PM	<i>Managing your Sources & Responsible Conduct of Research, and Building Your Review of Literature</i> Lorna Dawes, University Libraries	This session will focus on the importance of and properly citing your sources. We'll also discuss conducting research responsibly and building the literature review.	November - Subject specialist librarian meeting
			December – No Individual meeting
Monday, January 27 3:30 – 4:45 PM	<i>McNair Research Proposal Reports</i>	Using the MSRE Project Worksheet as a guide, Scholars will talk about their research plan, including the research question, methodology and hypotheses.	January – Narrowing Research Topic. Schedule individual meeting to review your McNair Summer Research Proposal & review research plan before January 31. Proposal is due date/time TBD.
Monday, February 17 3:30 – 4:45 PM	<i>Graduate Fellowships Overview Statement of Purpose Overview</i>	This session will give you a general introduction and overview of the statement of purpose and graduate fellowships.	February – Review UCARE research proposal at least 1 week prior to deadline for Academic Year 25–26
Monday, March 24 3:30 – 4:45 PM	<i>Preparing for the McNair Summer Research Experience</i>	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 working with mentor, RCR Training, IRB & MSRE questions.
April 15-16 Schedule TBD Nebraska Union	<i>Undergraduate Research Days</i>	Prepare a poster or view presentations for the Undergraduate Research Days. If you received UCARE funding, you should plan to participate in this event.	April – Bring questions on applying to graduate schools and looking for fellowships.
Monday, April 21 3:30 – 4:45 PM	<i>Applying to Graduate School: Improving Your Credentials</i>	In this session, we'll review the graduate application process and talk about ways you can strengthen your application.	
Thursday, May 1 5:30 – 7:00 PM Lied Commons	<i>McNair Recognition Reception</i>	An annual celebration and recognition of our McNair Scholars' accomplishments.	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.