

## McNair Senior Scholars 2024-25 Schedule

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

| Meeting Date/Time  | Event  | Description  | Individual Monthly Meeting:<br>Suggested Topic for Discussion   |
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| <b>Friday, August 30</b><br><b>4:15 – 5:15 PM</b><br><b>Seaton 206</b>       | <i>MSRE Debriefing Meeting for *Post-MSRE 2024 Scholars Graduate Student Mentoring Program</i>   | Feedback on MSRE 2024, selecting a graduate student mentor, and discussion on what it means to be a Senior/ Graduating Scholar.  | <b>August</b> - No individual meeting required  |
| <b>Wednesday, September 11</b><br><b>4:00 – 5:00 PM</b><br><b>Seaton 206</b> | <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.  | <b>September</b> – Update Individual Development Plan (IDP), Graduate Student Mentors questions   |
| <b>Wednesday, October 23</b><br><b>4:00 – 5:00 PM</b><br><b>Seaton 206</b>   | <i>Graduate Fellowships II</i>   | 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. | <b>October/November</b> - Goals & activities to reach goals (e.g., UCARE research, Summer Research Programs, Internships), CVs and personal statements                              |
|  |  |  | <b>December</b> – No individual meeting required  |
| <b>Friday, January 24</b><br><b>2:30 – 3:30 PM</b>                           | <i>Professionalism &amp; 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.  | <b>January/February</b> – Summer Research Applications & UCARE. Meet with staff to review your UCARE Proposal 1 week prior to the deadline for <b>Summer 2025 and/or AY 2025-26</b> |
| <b>Friday, February 28</b><br><b>2:30 – 3:30 PM</b>                          | <i>Creating a Professional Online Presence</i>   | This session will discuss maintaining a professional social media presence, creating a professional website or electronic portfolio, and why it matters what you post online. We’ll also create a Nebraska-branded email signature.  |   |
| <b>Friday, April 4</b><br><b>2:30 – 3:30 PM</b>                              | <i>Making the Most of your Summer to Prepare Graduate Applications</i>                           | Narrow list of graduate schools and review application requirements, prepare fellowship applications. Study & take the GRE if required.  | <b>March/April</b> – Strengthening graduate application, applying for fellowships   |
| <b>April 15-16</b><br><b>Schedule TBD</b><br><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.  |   |
| <b>Thursday, May 1</b><br><b>5:30 – 7:00 PM</b><br><i>Lied Commons</i>       | McNair Recognition Reception   | An annual celebration and recognition of our McNair Scholars’ accomplishments.   | <b>May</b> – 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.