



# 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 12-minute research presentation using PowerPoint

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

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|---------|--|-----------------------|--|--|---|---------------|
| June 29 | <b>June 30</b>   | <b>July 1</b>         | <b>2 Research Paper Peer Review</b><br>9:00 – 11:00 am<br><b>Research Paper – Draft #3</b><br><b>PowerPoint presentation outline</b> | <b>3 SIGNED Activity Reports 5 &amp; 6 before 4:00 pm</b>        | <b>4 NO CLASSES – UNL HOLIDAY</b>   | <b>July 5</b> |
| 6       | 7<br><i>Individual PowerPoint &amp; Poster Appointments</i><br>July 7-10 | 8                     | 9 <i>Graduate School Selection</i><br>9:00 – 11:00 am<br><b>Bring Graduate School List</b>   | 10   | 11  | 12            |
| 13      | 14   | 15                    | 16 <b>Submit Final Poster by 8:00 am</b><br><br><i>Statement of Purpose Workshop</i><br>9:00 – 11:00 am                              | 17 <b>Submit Final PowerPoint by 8:00 am</b>                     | 18 <b>SIGNED Activity Report 7 &amp; 8 before 4:00 pm</b>   | 19            |
| 20      | 21<br><i>Oral Presentation Practice – Schedule to be assigned</i>        | 22                    | 23<br><i>Overview: McNair Research Colloquium &amp; California McNair Conference</i><br>9:00 – 11:00 am                              | 24<br><b>McNair Summer Research Colloquium</b><br>1:30 – 3:00 pm | 25<br><b>Submit Final Research Paper, SOP, CV, &amp; SIGNED Activity Report 9 before 12:00 noon</b> | 26            |
| 27      | 28<br>Departure for UCLA Conference                                      | 29<br>UCLA Conference | 30<br>UCLA Conference  | July 31<br>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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| 3      | 4<br>Engineering<br><i>Summer Research<br/>Poster Session</i><br>1:00 – 3:00 pm | 5<br><i>Summer Research<br/>Poster Session</i><br>1:00 – 3:00 pm | 6<br><b>Concurrent<br/>Forms, Expense<br/>Voucher &amp;<br/>Receipts DUE to<br/>Carol by 2:00 pm</b> | 7<br><b>MSRE / McNair<br/>Conference<br/>Reflective Essay<br/>DUE by 4:00 pm</b> | 8      | 9        |
| 10     | 11  | 12   | 13   | 14   | 15     | 16       |
| 17     | 18  | 19   | 20   | 21   | 22     | 23       |
| 24     | 25<br>Fall Semester<br>Begins   | 26   | 27   | 28   | 29     | 30       |
| 31     |   |  |  |  |        |          |

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