



University of Maryland, College Park
The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program
Syllabus for Saturday Lunch and Learn Lectures

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Course Description:

The McNair Scholars Program prepares juniors and seniors for doctoral studies through research and professional development. During the academic year, McNair Scholars are required to meet the first Saturday of each month for a day of skill building and professional development seminars. The sessions are designed to support students at various stages of their undergraduate experience as they navigate their research interests as well as the graduate school application process.

Lunch and Learn Lecture Dates:

Fall 2016

September 10, 2016
October 1, 2016
November 5, 2016
December 3, 2016

Spring 2017

February 4, 2017
March 4, 2017
April 1, 2017
May 6, 2017

Learning Outcomes:

Learning Outcomes have been established for each Saturday Lunch and Learn Lecture. A list of overall goals and objectives for student learning is provided below. The lectures will contribute to students being able to:

1. Successfully navigate research conferences, professional meetings/events, research symposia, etc...

2. Make sound decisions regarding identifying and selecting graduate schools
3. Complete and submit all components and requisites for graduate admissions. This may include graduate school applications, personal statements, resume and curriculum vitae, writing samples, requests for letters of recommendation, official transcripts, and the GRE
4. Register and prepare for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
5. Identify and apply for grants, scholarships, and other funding opportunities
6. Identify and apply for internships and external summer research opportunities
7. Budget and monitor personal finances as undergraduate and graduate students

FALL 2016 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Date	Session Activity
September 10, 2016	Session Theme: Team Building and Welcome Back Luncheon at the Board and Brew
10:00am-11:30am	Opening Session: Welcome Back, Getting to Know Each Other, and Team Building Session at The Board and Brew (8150 Baltimore Ave, College Park, MD 20740) Audience: Juniors and Seniors
11:30am-12:00pm	Lunch and Announcements
12:00pm-1:30pm	Small Group Breakout Sessions and Games
October 1, 2016	Session Theme: Completing Graduate School Applications (Seniors) Discussing Summer Research Opportunities and How to Become a More Competitive Applicant (Juniors)
10:00am-10:15am	Breakfast- Opening Session/Welcome Back
10:15am-11:30am	Learning about Graduate School at UMD <i>Guest Speaker</i> : Christopher Perez (tentative) Audience: Juniors and Seniors
11:30am-12:30pm	Developing a Curriculum Vitae Workshop Guest Speaker: Norrell Edwards Audience: Juniors and Seniors
12:30pm-1:00pm	Lunch and Kudos Box

1:00pm-2:00pm	<p>Working Session: Revisiting the Graduate School Application Timeline and Working on Application Packets w/ Nancy</p> <p>Audience: Seniors</p> <p>Identifying Summer Research Opportunities and How to Become a More Competitive Applicant for Graduate School: Strategies, Discussion, and Personal Experience with a former McNair Scholar</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Farzana Saleem</p> <p>Audience: Juniors</p>
November 5, 2016	<p>Session Theme: Finalizing Graduate School Applications (Seniors)</p> <p>Beginning the SROP Application Process (Juniors)</p>
10:00am-10:15am	Breakfast- Opening Session/Welcome Back
10:15am-12:30pm	<p>Working Session: Graduate School Application Review and Revision</p> <p>Application Reviewers: McNair Fellows & Current Doctoral Students (Jesus Decola, Anna Storti; other doctoral students tentative)</p> <p>Audience: Seniors</p> <p>Working Session: Identifying your own SROPs and completing applications w/ Nana Brantuo (apply to at least five SROPs)</p> <p>Audience: Juniors</p>
12:30pm-1:00pm	Lunch, Kudos Box, and Announcements
1:00pm-2:00pm	<p>What a Ph.D can do for you? Equity Issues and a Career Outside of Typical Faculty Positions</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Katherine Wheatle, Research Analyst with the Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP) in DC (former McNair scholar at Penn State)</p> <p>Audience: Juniors and Seniors</p>
December 3, 2016	Session Theme: Cultural Activity
1:00pm-1:45pm	Lunch provided
2:00pm-6:00pm	The Goldfish and Black Woman's Anonymous Play at the Clarice Center for Performing Arts

	Audience: Juniors and Seniors
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SPRING 2017 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Date	Session Activity
February 4, 2017	Session Theme: Finances and Navigating College and Graduate School
10:00am-10:15am	Breakfast- Opening Session/Welcome Back
10:30am-11:30am	Fellowships and Securing Outside Funding for Graduate School Guest Speaker: Leslie Ann Brice, National Scholarships Office Audience: Juniors and Seniors
11:30am-12:30pm	Financial Literacy and Preparing for the Future Guest Speaker: Office of Financial Aid (Tentative) <i>Students will work on budgeting, money-saving techniques, financial goals, minimizing debt and savings concepts.</i> Audience: Juniors and Seniors
12:30pm-1:00pm	Lunch, Kudos Box, and Announcements
1:00pm-2:00pm	Budgeting Finances: Working Session Audience: Juniors and Seniors
March 4, 2017	Session Theme: National Conference and Undergraduate Research Preparation
10:00am-10:30am	Breakfast- Opening Session/Welcome Back (Reviewing Conference Agenda/Conference Proceedings Book)
10:30am-12:00pm	Lessons in Public Speaking and Networking Giving a presentation people want to hear (body language, communication, appropriate attire), conference networking, and mastering the elevator pitch Guest Speaker: Ms. Tricia Homer <i>Office of Transformational Learning Robert H. Smith School of Business</i> Audience: Juniors and Seniors

12:00pm-1:30pm	Conference Speakers and Oral Research Presentations: Rehearsal and Feedback Working Session Audience: Juniors and Seniors
1:30pm-2:00pm	Kudos Box/Lunch, Closing Announcements
April 1, 2017	Session Theme: Giving Back to Your Community
9:00am-1:00pm	A Day of Service <i>Good Neighbor Day</i> with the Office of Community Engagement: Beautify shared spaces, educate and engage in sustainable practices, and take pride in the greater community Audience: Juniors and Seniors
May 6, 2017	Session Theme: Balancing Work, Life, and School
10:00am-10:15am	Breakfast- Opening Session/Welcome Back
10:15am-11:00am	Graduate Student Panel: Balancing graduate school and life as a graduate student Invited Panel: Julian Wamble, Government and Politics Magda Mankel, Anthropology Shoji Sanders, American Studies Audience: Juniors and Seniors
11:00am-12:00pm	Faculty Career Panel: The Journey in Higher Education and Academia Invited Panel: Typhanye Dyer, Public Health Joseph Richardson, African American Studies Michelle Espino, Higher Education, Student Affairs, and International Education Policy Audience: Juniors and Seniors
12:00pm-1:00pm	Orientation for New Scholars
1:00pm-2:00pm	Lunch and Medal Ceremony for Spring 2017 Graduates, Kudos Box, and Closing Announcements