

2025 CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

DRAFT

GLOBAL IMPACT: SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP, AND EXCELLENCE

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

REGISTRATION

Conference Registration Desk
Main Concourse

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

SELF-GUIDED CAMPUS WALKING TOURS & CAMPUS DEPARTMENT VISITATIONS (HYBRID)

Walk to the main campus to explore the University of Maryland. Visit the main campus, academic and administrative buildings, and campus attractions.

Please arrange your individual or group department visitations.
Contact info for all UMD academic departments and programs is as follows:

University of Maryland Academic Departments and programs Info

<https://www.umd.edu/academic-departments-and-programs>



University of Maryland Virtual Campus Research & Cultural Tour

<https://go.umd.edu/ogdiumdtour>



African-American History and the University of Maryland: A Campus Landmark Tour

<https://go.umd.edu/umdaahisttour>



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4:00 PM – 5:45 PM

OPENING SESSION

Vessey Ballroom

WELCOME FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

INTRODUCTION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

McNair Scholar

Maryland

OPENING REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF DEAN

McNair Scholar

Maryland

WELCOME FROM THE OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

McNair Scholar

Maryland

OPENING SPEAKER

Dr. Lori Conlan, PhD., Deputy Director at the National Institutes of Health in the Office of Intramural Training & Education

Bethesda, Maryland

MCNAIR SCHOLARS PLEDGE

McNair Student

University of Maryland, College Park

The Pledge is at the front of the Conference Proceedings Book. Please stand.

TRANSITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

5:45 PM – 7:00 PM

SCHOLARS' RECEPTION

Chesapeake Ballroom

7:30 PM – 10:00 PM

NETWORKING SOCIAL: BOWLING, BILLIARDS/POOL & VIDEO GAMES

(Shuttle to the main campus departs the hotel lobby at 7:30 PM) TerpZone – Stamp Student Union - Enjoy a night of bowling, billiards/pool, basketball games on big-screen TVs, fellowship, music, and light refreshments. The last shuttle departs for the hotel at 10:00 PM.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025

7:30 AM – 5:00 PM

REGISTRATION

Conference Registration Desk Main Concourse

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7:00 AM – 7:30 AM	POSTER PRESENTATION SET-UP Vessey Ballroom
7:45 AM – 9:20 AM	GENERAL SESSION AND BREAKFAST Chesapeake Room A, B, & C DEANS' PANEL TRANSITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
9:30 AM - 10:45 AM	ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION (Staff Only) Room TBD
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	WORKSHOP SERIES MCNAIR GRADUATE STUDENT PANEL Room TBD STRATEGIES FOR DEVELOPING A COMPETITIVE GRADUATE SCHOOL PERSONAL STATEMENT Room TBD UNDERSTANDING THE LITERATURE REVIEW Room TBD USING A.I. IN RESEARCH Room TBD
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM	GRADUATE SCHOOL FAIR SPONSORED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE PARK GRADUATE SCHOOL Chesapeake Foyer & Art Gallery
12:45 PM – 2:30 PM	GENERAL SESSION AND LUNCHEON Chesapeake Room A, B, & C COLLEGE PRESIDENTS' CONVERSATION: MCNAIR SCHOLARS AND THE FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION ROLL CALL
2:45 PM – 4:15 PM	STUDENT RESEARCH POSTER PRESENTATIONS SPONSORED BY BURROUGHS WELCOME FUND (POSTER GALLERY) - Vessey Ballroom Presentations are organized alphabetically by the presenter's last name beginning on page [insert page number here] Ja'Kala Barber, a UMD Ph.D. Student, McNair Graduate Assistant. Poster set-up 7:00 AM – 7:45 AM and displayed through 4:15

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PM. An evaluator will critique posters. Please break down poster presentations at 4:15 PM. Poster boards and binder clips are located on each table in the Vessey Ballroom.

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

WORKSHOP SERIES

MCNAIR GRADUATE STUDENT PANEL

Room TBD

MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING: STRATEGIES FOR STUDENTS' SUCCESS IN THE POST-COVID COLLEGE ENVIRONMENT

Room TBD

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS FOR PH.D. APPLICANTS - OPPORTUNITIES AND STRATEGIES

Room TBD

RECLAIM YOUR CAREER AND LIFE: I WOULD RATHER DIE DANCING THAN SITTING AT MY DESK

Room TBD

STRATEGIES FOR DEVELOPING A COMPETITIVE GRADUATE SCHOOL PERSONAL STATEMENT

Room TBD

UNDERSTANDING THE LITERATURE REVIEW

Room TBD

USING A.I. IN RESEARCH

Room TBD

7:00 PM – 9:15 PM

THE SCHOLARS' BANQUET

Chesapeake Room A, B, & C

Elegant Attire: Suit/Tie/Cocktail Dress/Pantsuit

PRESIDING & INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Chelsey Green, The Green Project

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

CLOSING REMARKS & TRANSITION

9:30 PM – 12:00 AM

SCHOLARS PARTY with D.J.

Patuxent Room - Light Refreshments Provided

9:30 PM – 10:30 PM

MCNAIR STAFF FELLOWSHIP (Special Refreshments)

Concierge Lounge (Hotel Registration/Check-in Side)

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SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

7:30 AM – 3:30 PM

REGISTRATION
Conference Registration
Desk Main Concourse

7:45 AM – 9:00 AM

GENERAL SESSION AND BREAKFAST
Chesapeake Room A, B, & C

CALL TO ORDER AND PRESIDING & EVALUATIONS

THE PROOF IS IN THE PANEL: MCNAIR SCHOLARS' SUCCESS STORIES

TRANSITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

9:15 AM– 12:45 PM

ORAL RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

1:30 PM – 9:30 PM

LUNCH AND DINNER ON YOUR OWN. SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF WASHINGTON, D.C. (advance registration required for the bus)
The bus to Washington, D.C. departs from the hotel lobby at 1:30 PM and leaves for the hotel at 9:30 PM. Explore Washington, D.C. - Shop, Dine, & Visit Museums
A coach bus will drop off and pick up registrants at the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

CLOSING SESSION AND BREAKFAST
Chesapeake Room A & B

CALL TO ORDER AND PRESIDING & COMMENTS

OPEN MIC: CONFERENCE REFLECTIONS
Conference Attendees

OPEN MIC: CONFERENCE REFLECTIONS & ENCOURAGEMENT
McNair Scholars Directors

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: GIVE-A-WAYS

CLOSING REMARKS