



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 expected 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 2019

October 5, 2019
November 2, 2019
December 7, 2019

Spring 2020

February 1, 2020
March 7, 2020
April 4, 2020
May 2, 2020

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 school admissions. This may include graduate school applications, personal statements, resume and curriculum vitae, writing samples, requests for letters of recommendation, official transcripts, and GRE scores
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 2019 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Date	Session Activity
October 5, 2019	<p>Session Theme: Completing Graduate School Applications (Seniors)</p> <p>Discussing Summer Research Opportunities and How to Become a More Competitive Applicant (Juniors)</p>
10:00am-1:00pm	<p>Meet directly in Marie Mount 1400</p> <p>Opening Session/Welcome Back Discussion of Lunch and Learn expectations, ambassadorship Lunch Kudos</p> <p>This month <u>seniors</u> should be working on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Graduate school personal statement ➤ Graduate school applications ➤ CV/resume ➤ Ambassadorship <p>This month <u>juniors</u> should be working on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SROP personal statement ➤ SROP Applications ➤ CV/resume ➤ Ambassadorship
1:00pm-2:00pm	<p>Learning about Graduate School at UMD</p> <p><i>Guest Speaker</i> : Christopher Perez</p> <p>Audience: Juniors and Seniors</p>

November 2, 2019	<p>Session Theme: Finalizing Graduate School Applications (Seniors)</p> <p>Beginning the SROP Application Process (Juniors)</p>
10:00am-10:15am	<p>Meet directly in Marie Mount 1400</p> <p>Breakfast- Opening Session/ Welcome Back</p>
10:15am-11:15am	<p>Fellowships and Securing Outside Funding for Graduate School</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Leslie Ann Brice, National Scholarships Office</p> <p>Audience: Juniors and Seniors</p>
11:30pm-1:00pm	<p>Senior working Session: Identify Fellowships and funding for Graduate School and begin application process and/or complete Graduate School applications (Review and Revision)</p> <p><u>Deliverables for Seniors:</u> Due electronically by the end of Lunch and Learn to Stephanie:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proof of One Complete Graduate School Application ➤ FINAL CV/resume ➤ Be scheduled to take the GRE ➤ Request official transcripts ➤ Ambassadorship <p>Junior working Session: Identify Fellowships and Funding for Graduate School and begin SROP applications (<u>apply to at least 6-8 SROPs</u>)</p> <p><u>Deliverables for Juniors:</u> Due electronically by the end of Lunch and Learn to Stephanie:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ FINAL Draft of personal statement for SROP ➤ Proof of One Complete SROP application ➤ FINAL CV/resume ➤ Ambassadorship
1:00pm-2:00pm	Lunch, Kudos Box, and Announcements
December 7, 2019	Session Theme: Cultural Activity: TBD
10:00am-2:00pm (Time subject to change)	<p>Audience: Juniors and Seniors</p> <p><u>Deliverables for Seniors:</u> Due electronically by the start of Lunch and Learn to Stephanie:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ FINAL Draft of personal statement ➤ All applications should be submitted by this deadline

SPRING 2020 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Date	Session Activity
February 1, 2020	Session Theme: Finances and Navigating College and Graduate School
10:00am-10:15am	<p>Meet directly in Marie Mount 1400</p> <p>Breakfast- Opening Session/Welcome Back</p>
10:15am-1:00pm	<p>Financial Literacy and Preparing for the Future</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Ann Holmes (invited) <i>Students will work on budgeting, money-saving techniques, financial goals, minimizing debt and savings concepts.</i></p> <p>Audience: Juniors and Seniors</p>
1:00pm-2:00pm	Lunch, Kudos Box, and Announcements
March 7, 2020	Session Theme: National Conference and Undergraduate Research Preparation
10:00am-11:00am	<p>Meet directly in Marie Mount 1400</p> <p>Lessons in Public Speaking and Networking</p> <p>Giving a presentation people want to hear (body language, communication, appropriate attire), conference networking, and mastering the elevator pitch</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Ms. Tricia Homer (invited) <i>Office of Transformational Learning Robert H. Smith School of Business</i></p> <p>Audience: Juniors and Seniors</p>
11:00am-1:30pm	<p>Conference Speakers and Oral Research Presentations: Rehearsal and Feedback Working Session and Reviewing Conference Agenda</p> <p><i>Scholars will briefly rehearse the introduction of their oral presentations (5 minutes maximum) for the upcoming Conference</i></p> <p>Audience: Juniors and Seniors</p>
1:30pm-2:00pm	Lunch, Kudos Box, and Announcements

April 2020	Session Theme: Giving Back to Your Community
9:00am-1:30pm	<p>A Day of Service</p> <p><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</p> <p>Audience: Juniors and Seniors</p> <p><u>Deliverables for Seniors:</u> Due electronically by the start of Lunch and Learn to Stephanie:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ McNair Exit Survey (will be emailed by Stephanie) ➤ Current CV or resume ➤ Acceptance letters from institutions you were accepted to
May 2, 2020	Session Theme: Balancing Work, Life, and School
10:00am-10:15am	Breakfast- Opening Session
10:15am-11:15am	<p>Orientation for New Scholars</p> <p>Audience: New Scholars</p> <p>Graduate Student Panel: Balancing graduate school and life as a graduate student</p> <p>Invited Panel: TBA</p> <p>Audience: Juniors and Seniors</p>
11:30am-2:00pmpm	Lunch and Medal Ceremony for Spring 2020 Graduates, Kudos Box, and Closing Announcements