McNair Scholars Program: Graduate School Application Timeline

June
- ☐ Create/Revise CV/Resume
- ☐ Create a graduate school list on excel: program names, required materials, deadlines, GRE requirements, recommenders, faculty match
- ☐ Prepare a writing sample if needed
- ☐ Create/Revise Personal Statement Draft
- ☐ Submit a draft to McNair
- ☐ Review national fellowship opportunities

July-August
- ☐ Study for GRE
- ☐ Register for the GRE
- ☐ Current major GRE scores (if applicable): _____
- ☐ Reach out to potential faculty/grad students at prospective graduate programs
- ☐ Revise CV/Resume & Personal Statement Draft

September
- ☐ Retake GREs (ONLY if necessary)
- ☐ Revise personal statements & CV/Resume (edit with faculty, McNair, GSRC, writing center)
- ☐ Create a folder that includes: CV, Personal Statement, List of schools, deadlines
- ☐ Ask for letters of recommendation and provide folder for grad school and fellowships
- ☐ Begin fellowship applications

October
- ☐ Submit FAFSA Oct 1
- ☐ Apply to fellowships, scholarships, and grants
- ☐ Revise CV/Resume & Personal Statement Draft
- ☐ Submit Revised materials to McNair
- ☐ Check in with recommenders

November
- ☐ Submit fellowship applications
- ☐ Finalize graduate applications
- ☐ Finalize Personal Statements & CV/Resume or Writing Sample (if applicable)

December
- ☐ Double check applications. Keep copies of them after turning them in
- ☐ Check status of transcripts, letters of recommendations, GRE scores etc.

January-May
- ☐ Wait for admissions offers (fellowships and graduate programs)
- ☐ Research cost of living in new cities

- ☐ Schedule visits to accepted graduate programs
- ☐ Negotiate offers (financial package)
- ☐ Confirm offer no later than April 15
- ☐ Submit required paperwork by graduate program (transcripts, vaccines, etc.)

Materials Needed
- ☐ Personal Statements
- ☐ Statement of Purpose
- ☐ General GRE Scores
- ☐ Subject GRE Scores
- ☐ 3 Letters of Recommendation
- ☐ CV/Resume
- ☐ Transcript
- ☐ Writing Sample
- ☐ Planner

List 7 Graduate Programs. One must be a PhD program and one must be out-of-state.
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2)
3)
4)
5)
6)
7)

List three faculty who can write a letter of recommendation
1)
2)
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