



# 2023 McNair Graduate School Preparation Camp

Lake Barkley State Resort Park (LBSRP)

## AGENDA

*All Camp Sessions Will Be Held in the LBSRP Conference Center*

### ***Tuesday, May 30, 2023***

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Registration (Conference Center)
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.	Camp Welcome and Overview (John Mateja)
7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.	Getting Intentional: Practicing Your Elevator Speech with Friends, Colleagues, and Strangers (Don Asher)
8:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Personal Introductions and Mixer (Don Asher)
9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Social

### ***Wednesday, May 31, 2023***

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast (McNair staff meet for breakfast at 7:30)
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Why the PhD? (Orlando Taylor)
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Facing Your Fears (Donald Asher)
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m. – 12 noon	Mechanics and Structure of a PhD Program (Don Asher)
12:00 noon – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Strategizing the Calendar (Don Asher)
2:00 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.	Break
2:10 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Your Application Essays (Don Asher)
4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Break
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Well-Being – Your Superpower (Lynn Curry)
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Work on Statement of Purpose (Don Asher, facilitators and staff will be available for individual editing during this workshop. Statements will be read and edited during this period of time.)

## ***Thursday, June 1, 2023***

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Managing the Grad School Application Process  
(Lynn Curry)
- 10:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Break
- 10:30 p.m. – 12:00 noon Build Your Own Ranking System  
Finding Mentors & Writing to Them (Donald Asher)
- 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m. Lunch, Open Time, and Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Write a Great Academic CV Even with Little Experience  
(Donald Asher)
- 8:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Workshop: Finding Mentors and Writing to Them  
Task: Find 7 to 15+ graduate programs with fit and match, identify specific potential mentors at each program, identify and write to a potential mentor and peer edit each other's query letters. (Don Asher, facilitators, and staff will be available for individual editing/reviews)

## ***Friday, June 2, 2023***

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Positive Power of Mentors in Graduate School (Muriel Grimmett and Louis Ray)
- 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Break
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. 7 Habits of Highly Effective People  
(Muriel Grimmett and Louis Ray)
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Finding Financial Support for Grad School (Lynn Curry)
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Preparing for the Graduate School Visit and  
Interview (Russell Salter and Stephanie Richards)
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Interviews Tactics and a Little Practice (Donald Asher)
- 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Mock Interviews (See Chart for Specific Interview Time)
- 4:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Dinner and Open Time  
Finish Draft of Statement of Purpose!!!

## ***Saturday June 3, 2023***

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 noon Mock Interviews (See Chart for Specific Interview Time)
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon Closing Ceremony (Camp Evaluation Due)
- 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

**Leaving Early? Sign up for a BOX LUNCH by noon on Thursday!**  
***CHECKOUT TIME ON SATURDAY IS 11:00 A.M.***