



2023 McNair Graduate School Preparation Camp

Lake Barkley State Resort Park

WELCOME

Welcome to the McNair Graduate School Preparation Camp! We look forward to you having a very productive several days as you begin to prepare yourself to apply to graduate school.

As you can see as you look over the camp agenda, your next few days are going to be very busy. When you leave the camp, you should have a good start on your personal statement, have a strategy and tool for organizing your graduate school applications, understand what financial resources are available to support you while you are in graduate school, and be prepared for a graduate school visit.

To accomplish all of the work you have to do over the next few days, it is important that you attend all meetings and arrive on time for each session. While the agenda is very full, we have built in many hours in which you will be able to work independently on your assignments and to network with your fellow McNair scholars. The time you spend at the camp developing your graduate school application materials is time you will not have to spend this fall while you are taking classes. Our camp facilitators are nationally recognized for their expertise in developing competitive graduate school applications. Be certain to take full advantage of their expertise while it is available to you. Do not hesitate to ask them questions at appropriate points in their presentations or between camp sessions.

We have also built in time for you to relax and take advantage of the Lake Barkley State Resort Park. The park offers a fitness center, two pools, and many hiking trails, among other things. Some of your best thinking may take place while you enjoy a little down time.

We are delighted to be hosting the camp and we are delighted to have you with us. If there is anything we can do to make your stay more productive and enjoyable, please do not hesitate to talk with me or any of the workshop leaders.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Mateja".

John Mateja, PhD
Director
McNair Summer Camp