

USC McNair Scholars Program
Office of the Provost, Undergraduate Programs
Summer Institute 2014

A Research Training, Graduate School Preparation, Professional Development, & Mentorship Program

MOVE-IN WEEK

Monday, May 19, 2014

Residential Life Program (Location: Regal Trojan Apartments)

7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Welcoming Students & Moving into Apartments

USC Regal Trojan Apartments: 870 W. Adams Blvd., LA CA 90007

Customer Service Center is located at Sierra Apartments, 2638 Portland St., LA CA 90007

Friday, May 23, 2014

Scholarships Awarded (Method: via direct deposit, regular mail, or in-person)

7:00 am – 7:00 pm

1st Stipend Disbursed \$1400

WEEK ONE

Monday, May 26, 2014

University Holiday: Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 27, 2014

Institute Program (Room GFS # 118)

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Institute Welcome & Overview

Dr. Richard Andalon, Associate Dean & Director

USC Graduate School (Diversity Outreach & Academic Professional Development) & Office of Undergraduate Programs
(McNair Scholars Program)

David-James Gonzales, Ph.D. Student; Advisor, Instructor & Coordinator

Joshua Gray, Ph.D. Student; Advisor, Instructor, & Coordinator

Dr. Jungmiwha Bullock, Advisor, Instructor, & Education Consultant

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Research Methods, Academic Writing, & Graduate School Preparation

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Graduate School Preparation & Professional Development Session:
Postgraduate Study Options, Types of Advanced Degrees (Masters-level & Doctoral-level), Professional Career Choices including Becoming a Professor

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm

Break

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3:15 pm – 5:15 pm	Discussions & Workgroups (See Sections & Room #'s) Group 1: Education, Psychology, & Politics (Room # GFS 204) Group 2: Environmental Policy, Health Policy, & Urban Planning (Room # GFS 202) Group 3: Identity, Ethnic Studies, & International Policy (Room # GFS 201) Group 4: Public Health, Nutrition, & Preventive Medicine (Room # GFS 113) Group 5: Environmental Science, Biology, & Neuroscience (Room # GFS 112)
5:30pm – 7:30 pm	Group Dinner & Get-Together @ Rosso Oro's near USC Galen Center 3500 South Figueroa Blvd., LA, CA 90007 Menu Options: Salads, Pasta, Lasagna, Pizza, Sandwiches

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

	Institute Program (Room # SAL 127 & GFS 118)
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Preparation Course: Diagnostic Exam (Room # SAL 127)
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Break & Lunch
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Graduate School Preparation & Professional Development Panel/Workshop Topic: Résumé & Curriculum Vitae (CV) (Room # GFS 118)

Thursday, May 29, 2014

	Residential Life Program (Location: Alumni Park, Quadrant facing VKC)
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Yoga Mind, Body, & Spirit: Strike a Balance & Return to Wholeness

Friday, May 30, 2014

	Assignment Due (Submit via Blackboard)
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	(1) Research Introduction (background, question, problem statement)—include the “So What?” of your research; (2) References—list in progress; and (3) Citation Format

WEEK TWO

Tuesday, June 3, 2014

	Institute Program (Room # GFS 118)
9:00 am – 12: 00 pm	Research Methods, Academic Writing, & Graduate School Preparation
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Break & Lunch

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1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Discussions & Workgroups (See Sections & Room #'s)

Group 1: Education, Psychology, & Politics (Room # GFS 204)

Group 2: Environmental Policy, Health Policy, & Urban Planning (Room # GFS 202)

Group 3: Identity, Ethnic Studies, & International Policy (Room # GFS 201)

Group 4: Public Health, Nutrition, & Preventive Medicine (Room # GFS 113)

Group 5: Environmental Science, Biology, & Neuroscience (Room # GFS 112)

Wednesday, June 4, 2014

Institute Program (Room # GFS 118)

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Preparation Course

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Break & Lunch

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Graduate School Preparation & Professional Development Panel/Workshop
Topic: Personal Statement/Statement of Purpose

Friday, June 6, 2014

Assignment Due (Submit via Blackboard)

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

(1) Literature Review Overview; (2) Methodology

WEEK THREE

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

Institute Program (Room # GFS 101) ***New Room

9:00 am – 12: 00 pm

Research Methods, Academic Writing, & Graduate School Preparation

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Break & Lunch

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Discussions & Workgroups (See Sections & Room #'s)

Group 1: Education, Psychology, & Politics (Room # GFS 204)

Group 2: Environmental Policy, Health Policy, & Urban Planning (Room # GFS 202)

Group 3: Identity, Ethnic Studies, & International Policy (Room # GFS 201)

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Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Institute Program (Room # GFS 101) ****New Room*

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Preparation Course

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Break & Lunch

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Graduate School Preparation & Professional Development Panel/Workshop:
Topics: Funding Sources for Graduate School—Fellowships, Scholarships,
Teaching/Research Assistantships, Part-Time Work, and Savings and Loans

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Residential Life Program (Location: Alumni Park, Quadrant facing VKC)

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Yoga Mind, Body, & Spirit: Strike a Balance & Return to Wholeness

Friday, June 13, 2014

Assignment Due (Submit via Blackboard)

9:00 am – 12:00 pm (1) Statement of Purpose/Personal Statement; (2) Curriculum Vitae (CV)

WEEK FOUR

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Institute Program (Room # GFS 101)

9:00 am – 12: 00 pm Research Methods, Academic Writing, & Graduate School Preparation

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Break & Lunch

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Discussions & Workgroups (See Sections & Room #'s)

Group 1: Education, Psychology, & Politics (Room # GFS 204)
Group 2: Environmental Policy, Health Policy, & Urban Planning (Room # GFS 202)
Group 3: Identity, Ethnic Studies, & International Policy (Room # GFS 201)
Group 4: Public Health, Nutrition, & Preventive Medicine (Room # GFS 113)
Group 5: Environmental Science, Biology, & Neuroscience (Room # GFS 111)
****New Room*

4:00 pm – 4:45 pm Special Program: Meet, Present, & Mentor USC Summer Bridge Students
(Location: Room GFS 223)

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Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Institute Program (Room # GFS 118) ***New Room

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Preparation Course

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Break & Lunch

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Graduate School Preparation & Professional Development Panel/Workshop
Topics: Organizing Your Graduate School Plans & Timelines, including Identifying Academic & Professional References, Acquiring Letters of Recommendation, Finding Funding/Waivers for Graduate School Applications and GRE Fees

Friday, June 20, 2014

Assignment Due (Submit via Blackboard)

9:00 am – 12:00 pm (1) Graduate School Plans & Timelines—include potential recommenders, references, list of graduate programs of interest, available waivers, etc.
(2) Submit Titles, Abstracts, Authors of sample dissertation(s) acquired

WEEK FIVE

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Institute Program (Room # GFS 118) ***New Room

9:00 am – 12: 00 pm Research Methods, Academic Writing, & Graduate School Preparation

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Break & Lunch

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Discussions & Workgroups (See Sections & Room #'s)

Group 1: Education, Psychology, & Politics (Room # GFS 204)
Group 2: Environmental Policy, Health Policy, & Urban Planning (Room # GFS 202)
Group 3: Identity, Ethnic Studies, & International Policy (Room # GFS 201)
Group 4: Public Health, Nutrition, & Preventive Medicine (Room # GFS 113)
Group 5: Environmental Science, Biology, & Neuroscience (Room # GFS 112)
***New Room

Wednesday, June 25, 2014

Institute Program (Room # GFS 118)

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Preparation Course

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1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Graduate School Preparation & Professional Development Panel/Workshop
Topics: Publishing Your Research in Journals, Books, and other print and
online mediums

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Residential Life Program (Location: Alumni Park, Quadrant facing VKC)

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Yoga Mind, Body, & Spirit: Strike a Balance & Return to Wholeness

Friday, July 4, 2014

Assignment Due (Submit via Blackboard)

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

(1) Research Findings Section—1st Draft; (2) Updated Methods Section

WEEK SEVEN

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

Institute Program (Room # THH 118) **New Room*

9:00 am – 12: 00 pm

Research Methods, Academic Writing, & Graduate School Preparation

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Break & Lunch

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Discussions & Workgroups (See Sections & Room #'s)

****New Rooms, all sections*

Group 1: Education, Psychology, & Politics (Room # THH 219)

Group 2: Environmental Policy, Health Policy, & Urban Planning (Room # THH 211)

Group 3: Identity, Ethnic Studies, & International Policy (Room # THH 209)

Group 4: Public Health, Nutrition, & Preventive Medicine (Room # THH 207)

Group 5: Environmental Science, Biology, & Neuroscience (Room # THH 107)

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Institute Program (Room VKC 152) **** New Room*

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Preparation Course

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Break & Lunch

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Graduate School Preparation & Professional Development Panel/Workshop:
Topics: Presenting Your Research at Local & National Symposiums &
Conferences, Presentation Tips and Techniques using Posters & PowerPoint

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Friday, July 11, 2014

Assignment Due (Submit via Blackboard)

*Also submit Poster to program office via email or a USB Flash Drive

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

(1) Research Poster; (2) Discussion Section—1st Draft

WEEK EIGHT

Tuesday, July 15, 2014

Institute Program (Room # THH 119) **New Room*

9:00 am – 12: 00 pm

Research Methods, Academic Writing, & Graduate School Preparation

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Break & Lunch

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Discussions & Workgroups (See Sections & Room #'s)

Group 1: Education, Psychology, & Politics (Room # THH 219)

Group 2: Environmental Policy, Health Policy, & Urban Planning (Room # THH 105)
*** *New Room*

Group 3: Identity, Ethnic Studies, & International Policy (Room # THH 209)

Group 4: Public Health, Nutrition, & Preventive Medicine (Room # THH 207)

Group 5: Environmental Science, Biology, & Neuroscience (Room # THH 107)

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Institute Program (Room # THH 106) **New Room*

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Preparation Course

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Break & Lunch

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Graduate School Preparation & Professional Development Panel/Workshop
****Special Session—Practice for Research Poster Display Session*

Thursday, July 17, 2014

Institute Program (Location: TBD)

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Research Poster Display Sessions
USC McNair Scholars, Summer Bridge Students, Faculty, & Staff

Friday, July 18, 2014

Assignment Due (Submit via Blackboard)

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

(1) Research Findings—2nd Draft; (2) Discussion Section—2nd Draft

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WEEK NINE

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

Institute Program (Room # WPH 207) **New Room*

9:00 am – 12: 00 pm

Research Methods, Academic Writing, & Graduate School Preparation

Independent Study

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Break & Lunch

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Discussions & Workgroups (See Sections & Room #'s)

****Pending Independent Studies Sections or Group Meetings*

****New Rooms, all sections*

Group 1: Education, Psychology, & Politics (Room # THH 105)

Group 2: Environmental Policy, Health Policy, & Urban Planning (Room # THH 107)

Group 3: Identity, Ethnic Studies, & International Policy (Room # THH 108)

Group 4: Public Health, Nutrition, & Preventive Medicine (Room # THH 111)

Group 5: Environmental Science, Biology, & Neuroscience (Room # THH 207)

Wednesday, July 23, 2014

Institute Program (Room # THH 106)

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Preparation Course

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Break & Lunch

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Special Graduate School Preparation & Professional Development Session:

Part I: "Why Your Research Matters, Why You Matter in Graduate School"

Part 2: "Arc of (a Professors) Academic Life: coursework, exams, dissertation, publications, conference presentations, mentoring students, achieving tenure"

Friday, July 25, 2014

Assignment Due (Submit Via Blackboard)

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

(1) Research Project Title; (2) Abstract; and (3) PowerPoint Presentation

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WEEK TEN

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Institute Program (Room # KAP 147) ***New Room

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Part I: Practice Sessions for USC McNair Scholars Summer Institute Symposium

Group 1: Education, Psychology, & Politics

Group 2: Environmental Policy, Health Policy, & Urban Planning

Group 3: Identity, Ethnic Studies, & International Policy

Group 4: Public Health, Nutrition, & Preventive Medicine

Group 5: Environmental Science, Biology, & Neuroscience

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Break & Lunch

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Part II: Practice Sessions for USC McNair Scholars Summer Institute Symposium in Discussions & Workgroups (See Sections & Room #'s)

***New Rooms, all sections

Group 1: Education, Psychology, & Politics (Room # GFS 204)

Group 2: Environmental Policy, Health Policy, & Urban Planning (Room # GFS 201)

Group 3: Identity, Ethnic Studies, & International Policy (Room # GFS 111)

Group 4: Public Health, Nutrition, & Preventive Medicine (Room # GFS 108)

Group 5: Environmental Science, Biology, & Neuroscience (Room # GFS 107)

Wednesday, July 30, 2014

Institute Program (Davidson Conference Center, Club Room)

8:00 am – 6:00 pm

USC McNair Scholars Summer Institute Symposium

Group 1: Education, Psychology, & Politics

Group 2: Environmental Policy, Health Policy, & Urban Planning

Group 3: Identity, Ethnic Studies, & International Policy

Group 4: Public Health, Nutrition, & Preventive Medicine

Group 5: Environmental Science, Biology, & Neuroscience

Thursday, August 7, 2014

Residential Life Program (Location: Alumni Park, Quadrant facing VKC)

***Note: Program pending student interest; confirmation will be provided

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

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Friday, August, 1 - August 6, 2014

Assignment Due (Submit via Blackboard)

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

(1) Final Research Paper (include abstract, introduction, literature review, methods, findings, discussion, conclusion, references); (2) CV/Résumé; (3) Statement of Purpose/Personal Statement; (4) Graduate School Plan and Timeline

MOVE-OUT WEEK

Wednesday, August 13, 2014

Residential Life Program (Location: Regal Trojan Apartments)

7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Farewells & Moving out of Apartments

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