

**San Diego State University  
McNair Scholars Program**

**Guide to Your Success**

Timetable for the Graduate School Application

Sophomore	Junior/1st Year Senior	Senior
Determine major	Meet with advisors for undergraduate classes	Take GRE (get fee waiver)
Begin research	Take GRE course	Take research based courses
Choose mentor	Find 10-15 universities to apply to	Write personal statements
Plan curriculum geared for graduate study	Look at financial aid possibilities	Join and/or continue to be active in clubs and organizations
Network	Begin/continue research	Obtain letters of recommendation
Take classes to help with research	Take classes to help with research	Apply for graduate financial aid
Create web page	Join and/or become active in clubs and organizations	Visit campuses you plan to attend
Write curriculum vitae	Start personal statement	Send applications to grad schools
Join clubs and organizations	Find area of specialization	Send thank you notes to all that helped in the application process
Prepare for GRE	Take GRE (get fee waiver) in Spring	

**Things To Do Now!**

1. Learn to network and get to know your professors. Meet out of the classroom setting so that the professor can get to know you personally.
2. Write a Curriculum Vita. Keep it up to date.
3. Research! Take classes that will assist you in your research.
4. Create your web page.
5. Begin planning for graduate school. Tailor your curriculum to take classes that will prepare you for graduate study.
6. Join clubs, organizations, and ***especially honor societies***. Be active to ensure you receive the benefits that are associated with the club, organization, or society.