

Frequently asked questions:

Q1. Are the meals listed in the schedule included in the registration fee?

A1: Yes.

Q2: Is breakfast on October 15 provided?

A2: Depending on how many registrants come in the night before Oct 14, we are likely to have a continental breakfast on campus from 9-10 am. TBA.

Q3: How long do speakers have for oral presentations--presentation plus questions?

A3: There are 20 minutes slots: 10 minutes for presentation, five for Q&A, and five minutes for transition (for new presenter to set up).

Q4: Is there a graduate fair? If so, when?

A4: Yes, it will certainly be from 5-6:30 (concurrent to the poster session), but may start as early as 1:30 (depending on how many universities are represented).

Q5: If we are coming by plane, how we will get to Terre Haute from Indianapolis.

A5: There will be a shuttle running to Terre Haute on October 14 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM and to the IND airport on Friday October 16 from 12:00 to 4:00 PM.

Q6: What hotel accommodations are available?

A6: Candlewood Suites is the official hotel for the conference (however you may use any you wish). There are both double and single rooms blocked out for registrants. Candlewood is an easy five minute walk from Indiana State University. See this link for details: <http://www.indstate.edu/mcnairsch/conflodging.htm>. When making your reservation please refer to ISU McNair Conference during your call to the hotel.

Q7: What universities will be represented at the graduate school fair?

A7: Currently Indiana State University will be represented, but it is likely that several college and universities will be represented.

Q8: What version of Microsoft PowerPoint will be available at the conference?

A8: Presentations rooms will be equipped with Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2003. Please save presentations in PowerPoint 97-2003 Presentation (.ppt) format.

Q9: If we are driving to the conference, where can we park?

A9: Parking will be available on campus in various locations. Parking passes will be provided for the Hulman Memorial Student Union Visitor Pay Lots (you will not have to pay to park). Please indicate your need for a parking pass on the registration form (we will mail on it to you in advance). Please see the map the lodging page of the conference link: <http://www.indstate.edu/mcnairsch/conflodging.htm>

Q10: What do we get for the registration fee?

A10: Conference bag with logo, “Getting what you came for” Dr. Robert Peters , conference pencils and other memorabilia, conference guide with presenter photos and presentation descriptions, keynote and banquet by Dr. Tara Ruttley of NASA, special presentation by McNair Alumna and NSF Fellowship recipient Carmen Cortez, and workshop by nationally-known expert on academic procrastination, Dr. Joseph Ferrari.

Q11: What if my research is not complete?

A11: Research in all stages of development is welcome. Research can be “in progress.” It is not necessary to have final results or conclusions at the time of presentation.

Q 12: Can I submit more than one abstract?

A12: No. Each student registrant may submit one abstract for participation in the conference. In the event that you submit more than one abstract, the first one submitted will be considered.

Q13: May I present orally and in poster form?

A13: Yes, you may.

Q14: What should I know about oral and poster presentation formats?

A14: Oral presentations: 10 minutes in length, with 5 additional minutes for questions and answers. Presentations must be in PowerPoint format only. Presentation files need to be saved on a CD or flash drive. Do not rely on accessing your presentation by email at the conference site.

Poster presentations: Presenters should bring their own poster board; easels will NOT be provided. Instead, tables will be provided for posters that stand alone on table tops. Maximum poster board size allowed is 4'x4'.

If traveling with a poster board is a problem ISU McNair Office at 812-237-8315.

Q15: I cannot stay for the whole conference, can I still attend?

A15: Yes, you may. Full registration fee is due regardless of length of time at the conference.

Q16: Will there be an opportunity for me to network with fellow McNair Scholars from other universities?

A16: Yes, on October 15 there will be social time after 8:15 pm. Carmen Cortez, a recent McNair Alumna from University of California, Fullerton, will be present. She is a 2009 recipient of the National Science Foundation Fellowship and will be working her graduate degree at UC Davis this fall.