Eligibility Requirements

• U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
• A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
• Completed at least 54 credits prior to summer institute
• Intention of pursuing a doctorate degree upon completion of bachelor degree (excluding master’s degree, professional degree, MD [Doctor of Medicine], and JD [Juris Doctor] seekers)
• Either low-income and first-generation college student, or from a group historically underrepresented in graduate education as defined by the U.S. Department of Education

Faculty Involvement

Faculty mentorship is an important aspect of the McNair Program. The faculty mentor provides an opportunity for participants to have a “hands on” experience with research during the academic year and summer, which is often the student’s first encounter with undergraduate research.

If you are a faculty member, interested in working with a scholar or supporting the program (e.g. facilitate a workshop, presentation, academic training), contact us.

“Participating in the McNair Program, I was able to make a lasting connection with my advisor and now know people in my field that I can rely on in the future.”

—Takondwa Musa

To find out if you are eligible to participate in the McNair Program, visit mcnair.rutgers.edu or call 848-445-3100

Learn how you can join McNair to begin the path to your doctorate degree, by visiting us:

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About Ronald E. McNair

The McNair Program is a federally funded program in memory of physicist and Challenger Astronaut, Dr. Ronald E. McNair. The program serves low-income, first-generation college students, and/or students from a racial or ethnic group historically underrepresented in graduate education. The program is designed to prepare students with the research and scholarly activities necessary for doctoral studies.

McNair Scholar Experience

As a nationally recognized program funded by the U.S. Department of Education, McNair provides many benefits and services to students.

Benefits
- Build a network of relationships
- Research with a faculty member in academic discipline or field
- Demonstrate mastery of skills necessary for graduate school (e.g. writing, public speaking, presentation)
- Gain unique insight on graduate school culture, rigor, and faculty expectations
- Prepare for doctoral program admission process and enrollment
- Engage in scholarly activities and professional development (e.g. conference presentation, publication)

Services
- Pre-graduate school advising
- Access to academic tutoring and student success coaching
- Fee waivers for graduate school application
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) preparation and GRE Fee Waiver assistance
- Funding for research supplies, conferences, and visits to prospective graduate school programs
- Access to Technology Loan Program
- Access to private study and presentation rooms

McNair Scholars have attended, accepted and received full funding and doctoral degrees from some of the most prestigious institutions in the nation, including, but not limited to the following: Rutgers University, Harvard University, Yale University, Stanford University, Cornell University, University of California-Berkeley and University of Massachusetts.

Support Our Scholars

Advising
Pre-graduate school advising, including academic, personal, and career

Academic Research, Writing, and Presentations
Research with a faculty member, quality writing and presentation

Courses and Workshops
Basics of Research, Graduate Preparation I, Graduate Preparation II, Public Speaking, Presentation Skills, Financial Literacy, and more workshops

Professional Development
Networking and building connections among professionals, faculty, and graduate students

Mentorship and Tutoring
Empower and support scholars in their research and academic endeavors toward timely degree completion

Social and Cultural Experiences
Visitation to graduate school programs, cultural enrichment activities, special lectures, academic luncheons, and more

"Thank you for your guidance and mentorship during my time in the Ronald E. McNair program. The program truly prepared me for graduate school and laid the foundations for me to become an independent investigator."

—Gurneet S. Sangha, Ph.D.

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