



McNair Scholars Program

The McNair Scholars Program prepares qualified undergraduates for entrance to a PhD program **in all fields of study**. The goals of the program are to increase the number of first-generation, low-income and/or underrepresented students in PhD programs, and ultimately, to diversify the professoriate in colleges and universities across the country.

Eligibility Criteria

A participant must meet the following requirements before becoming a McNair Scholar:

- **Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher**
- **Completed at least 60 units (Transfers Exempt)**
- **US citizen or permanent resident**
- **Have the intention to pursue a Ph.D. after graduation**
- **Low income as defined by the US Department of Education AND a first generation college student (where neither parent completed a 4-year degree)**

OR

Be from an underrepresented group in graduate education (African American, Hispanic-Latino, Native American and Alaskan, Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian)

McNair Stipends

Stipends of up to \$2,800 per year for students engaged in approved research internships, provided that the student has completed the sophomore year of study at an eligible institution before the internship begins.

Due to COVID-19 an enhanced research internship stipend of \$4,321.00 is offered up to Summer 2021.

Project services and activities

- Opportunities for research and other scholarly activities designed to provide participants with effective preparation for doctoral study
- Paid summer internships
- Seminars and other educational activities
- Tutoring
- Academic counseling
- Assistance in securing admission to and financial aid for enrollment in graduate programs
- Mentoring from faculty in the student's chosen field
- Exposure to cultural events and academic programs which enhance student understanding of and interest in local and global communities.

Requirements/Expectations

- **Attendance of weekly McNair classes (Fall and Spring semesters on Fridays)**
- **Attend at least 2 graduate school visits and cultural events each semester**
- **Completion of a 10-week Summer research project or internship**
- **Academic participation at a regional or national conference**
- **Consistent, documented communication with McNair staff and faculty mentors**
- **Rigorous preparation for the GRE general exam including setting a testing date**
- **Attain a doctoral degree within ten (10) years of attaining a bachelor's degree from Heritage University**

Please submit applications to Terri Slack at the Arts & Sciences front desk or send to:

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