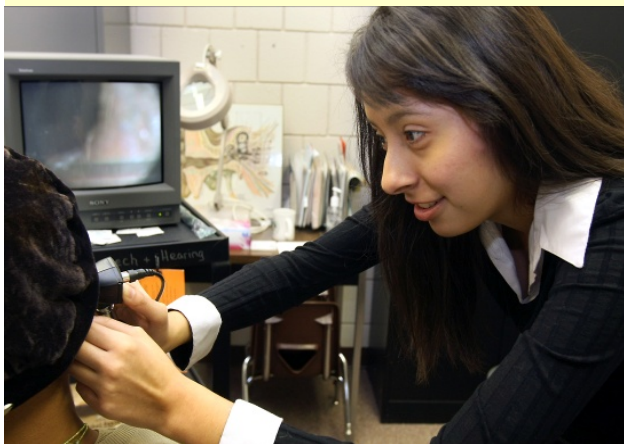


Why Pursue Doctoral Education?

As our world makes the transition from a manufacturing society to a highly technical and information-based economy, new talent must be nurtured to meet this need. As a McNair Scholar, your skills will be enhanced through:

- Community-based research opportunities on diverse topics
- Opportunity to learn all components of pursuing graduate education
- Participation in a close-knit community that will become a life-long network during your academic pursuits
- Seminars and workshops that provide an understanding of how earning a doctorate degree in STEM can change your life
- Financial support for undergraduate summer research as well as preparation for graduate education



Preparing for Graduate School

- Research experience
- Presentation skills
- GRE Preparation
- Seminars on financing graduate schools and statement of purpose
- Family Outreach
- Personal portfolio counseling and follow-up

Preparing for Doctoral Study

The McNair Scholars Program provides many valuable opportunities and activities that prepare you for a doctoral study:

- Summer Research Institute
- Conference attendance and preparation
- McNair writing program
- Interpersonal communications skills development and community building
- Social gatherings



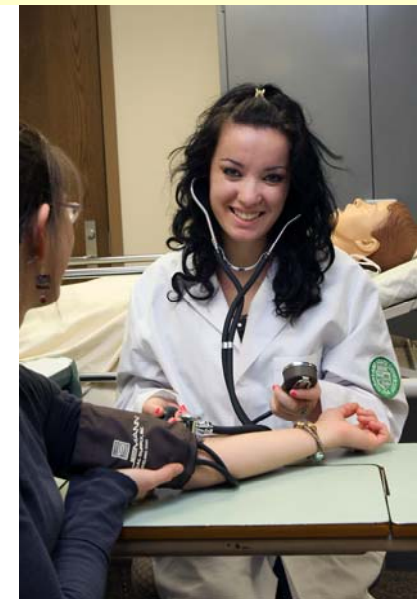
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McNair Scholars Program

Preparing students for high quality research and scholarly activities in STEM and STEM related graduate education





Benefits of the McNair Scholars Program

- Community of support-McNair Faculty & McNair Staff
- Workshops and seminars provided with an interdisciplinary perspective
- GRE Preparation Course – 1 paid credit
- McNair Writing Course
- Portfolio evaluation & one-on-one tracking by McNair staff
- Summer program (\$2800 stipend, room, board and 4 paid credits)
- \$125 for research supplies to summer participants
- Textbook support
- Opportunity to attend local, regional and national conferences
- Financial support for graduate school visits
- Fellowship opportunities from participating institutions
- Application fee waivers from participating graduate schools



Am I eligible?

You are eligible for the program if you:

- Are enrolled as a CSU student
- Are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Have a 2.8 CUM GPA or better
- Have Sophomore or Junior standing (by credit hours)
- Are pursuing a degree in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) fields, or a STEM-related research (non-STEM major but have an interest in a STEM disciplines)
- Fit into one of two categories:
Category 1: First generation student (neither parent nor guardian received a bachelor's degree) *and* low income *or*
Category 2: are a member of an under-represented group in graduate education as determined by the U.S. Department of Education (i.e. African American, Native American, Hispanic and Pacific Islanders)
- Demonstrate an interest in graduate education and doctoral studies

Dual Mentor Guidance

Each scholar chooses a Discipline Faculty Mentor (DFM), and a Non-Discipline Faculty Mentor (NDFM):

Discipline Faculty Mentor

- Provides advice and consultation on research and fields of graduate study
- Guides the development of the research project
- Encourages pursuit of graduate studies
- Helps develop and define a wide-reaching research project
- Discusses possible graduate schools

Non-Discipline Faculty Mentor

- Builds confidence in interacting with faculty
- Provides information on professional organizations and conferences
- Fully indoctrinates the students about the life in academia
- Development and delivery of interdisciplinary seminars

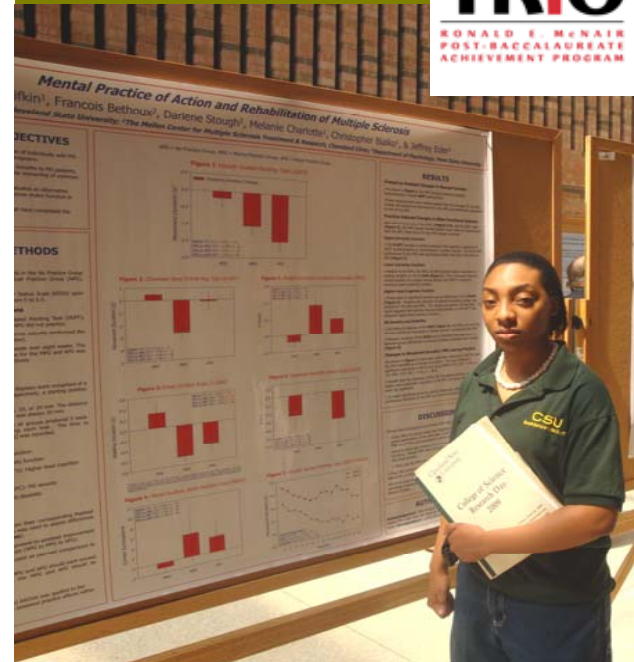
Preparing Students for Graduate Education

The McNair Scholars Program is named after the late Dr. Ronald E. McNair, an African American physicist and NASA astronaut who died in the Challenger explosion in 1986. The program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education.

The program prepares participants through involvement in research and other scholarly activities. Participants are from disadvantaged backgrounds and have demonstrated strong academic potential in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) or STEM-related disciplines.

The Importance of Graduate Education

The McNair Scholars Program is designed to prepare students for graduate education, but specifically to introduce them to the path for completion of doctoral studies.



How do I Apply?

Please visit our website for more information:
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