



McNair Scholars Program

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The Cleveland State University McNair Scholars Program has been assisting talented undergraduate students in their preparations for graduate school since 2007. Sponsored by the United States Department of Education, the program hosts conferences; facilitates graduate school visits; grants text book allowances; and provides seminars, mentoring, portfolio evaluations, workshops, writing courses, and GRE preparation materials with the aim of readying the students it serves to continue in their educations. It additionally offers students the opportunity to participate in a Summer Research Institute (SRI) program, in which scholars work with faculty members on extensive, personalized research projects for eight weeks during the summer between their sophomore and junior years.

Currently, of the sixty-nine students previously served by the Cleveland State McNair Scholars Program, approximately 50% have enrolled in some type of graduate program, and 30% have, at present, attained MS, DPT, or MD degrees. It is to our great pleasure that these students are being admitted into such programs, many of them with full financial funding, and we hope that, as the fall semester continues, we will hear news of further acceptances. We look forward to the future, and wish all of our scholars success in their endeavors.

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New McNair Scholars!

Saja Abid: Health Sciences

Enas Mohammad: Biology

Christina Adkins: Psychology

Taylor Moore: Speech and Hearing

Abdo Boumitri: Biology

Yuridia Olivera-Ortiz: Health Sciences

Rana Faraj: Health Sciences

Lana Osorio: Health Sciences

Nicholas Gehler: Mechanical Engineering

Shalonda Swanson: Psychology and Journalism/Promotional Communication

Daria Kulyk: Physics

Jamira Virk: Biology

Jammel McRae: Electrical Engineering

Jamil Wilson: Biology



Congratulations!
We look forward to witnessing your accomplishments!

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Current McNair Scholars

Mishgan Abdullah: Health Sciences

Brian Boccieri: Pre-Physical Therapy

Brooke Burkhalter: Biology

Carmen Caticchio: Biology

Anita Isom: Psychology

Michael Keller: Biology

Daniel Kulman: Biology

Khadeja Najjar: Psychology

Christian Negrón-Rolon: Biology

Teodora Nikova: Biology

Uchechukwu Obiako: Chemical Engineering

Mofetoluwa Oluwasanmi: Biology

Maitri Patel: Biology

David Pendleton: Electrical Engineering

Aicha Quamine: Pharmaceutical Science

Sokhna Seck: Chemistry

Kia Smith: Chemistry

Celeste Thomas: Speech and Hearing



Student Spotlight

Dominique Rose, M.Ed., B.A.

Ph.D. Student in Health Education and Recreation at Southern Illinois University—Carbondale

Dominique Rose, a Cleveland native, attended Cuyahoga Community College, where she received two associates degrees in Arts and Applied Science. She then transferred to Cleveland State University, where she majored in Psychology. During her time at CSU, she became a McNair Scholar and completed research related to her major with the supervision of Dr. M. Horvath, which she was able to present at more than three conferences. After receiving her B.S. in 2013, she applied to and was accepted into CSU's masters program in Health Education, and she graduated with her M.S. in 2015. After graduation, she found employment at the Prevention Research Center for Healthy Neighborhoods at Case Western Reserve University's Epidemiology and Biostatistics Department, where she conducted research as a part of a collaborative team. The following fall, she was accepted into the doctoral program for Health Education and Recreation at Southern Illinois University, where she has just completed her first semester as a doctoral student and has had material accepted for publication.

Dominique currently resides in southern Illinois, and she presently serves on three committees (two research committees and one faculty search committee). Her goals include working for a governmental health agency, becoming a tenure track professor at a university, and developing a non-profit organization to assist with health disparities in Africa. One of Dominique's major obstacles as a student was finding a degree that fulfilled both her interests and her passion for helping others, and her primary inspiration as a student was seeing other scholars at McNair conferences discuss graduate school and emphasize the need for doctoral degrees.

Diane Lawong, MLRHR, B.S.

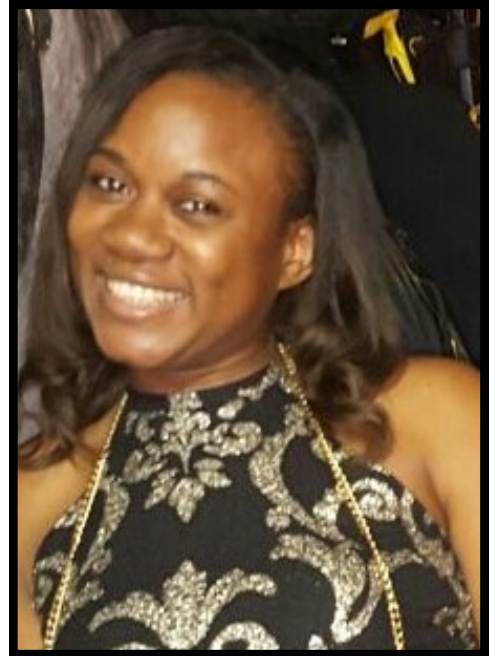
**Ph.D. Student in Organizational Behavior and Human Resources
at Florida State University**

“Engage,” which means to take action and participate or be involved is a very popular word echoed throughout the Cleveland State University Campus. There are a lot of opportunities available through the McNair Scholars Program, but if you do not engage in them, you rob yourself of

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-DIANE L.

success. I was very engaged as a McNair scholar at CSU. I went to several workshops, traveled to multiple conferences, and successfully completed summer research at the Cleveland Clinic with the guidance of my discipline mentor. In addition, when applying to graduate school, the McNair Scholars Program paid for my GRE exam registration fees and university application fees. I am proud to be part of the McNair family. I have built very meaningful relationships with peers, friends, professors, and mentors in the McNair family. Do not hesitate to be engaged with the family; it is your family right as a McNair scholar to not let anything stand in the way of your success. The most important piece of advice I would give any McNair scholar is to be fully engaged in the McNair Scholars Program.



Upcoming Workshops and Conferences

March 10th—13th: McNair Scholars Conference at the University of Maryland— College Park

March 29th and March 30th: Financial Literacy Workshop with Michael Almony

March 30th—April 2nd: McNair Scholars Symposium at Oklahoma State University (Tulsa & Stillwater)

April 26th and April 27th: Resumes, Application Letters, Interviewing, and CVs Workshop with Dr. Mary McDonald

April 29th: 8th Annual McNair Research Exposition

May 19th—May 21st: University of Washington McNair Scholars’ Conference

May 31st—June 4th: Graduate School Preparation Camp

June 23rd—June 26th: SAEOPP National McNair Scholars Research Conference

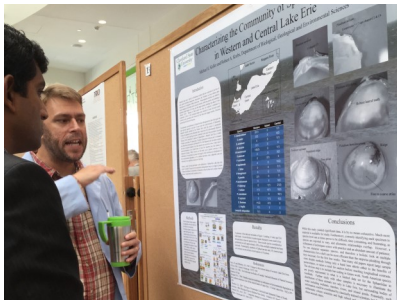
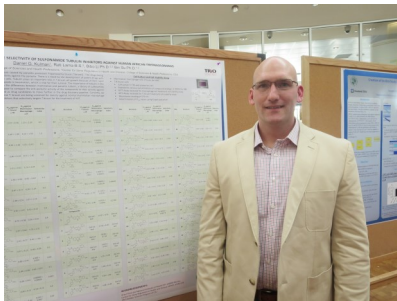
July 21st– July 23rd: University of Buffalo Annual McNair Summer Research Conference

August 4th—August 7th: California McNair Scholars Symposium at the University of California at Berkley

September 18th—September 20th : Emory University Laney Graduate School STEM Research and Career Symposium

September 30th: 2016 Application Deadline for the Cleveland State McNair Scholars Program

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Program Benefits

- Writing Workshops*
- GRE Preparation Courses*
- Graduate School Visits*
- Travel to Conferences*
- IRB Workshops*
- Summer Research Opportunities*
- Textbook Benefits*
- Graduate School Application Waiver*

We are on the web!

www.csuohio.edu/mcnair

Student Achievements

Dan Kulman was accepted to North East Ohio Medical University in Rootstown, Ohio and to University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Athens, Ohio.

Brian Bocchieri was admitted to Youngstown State University's Doctor of Physical Therapy program in Youngstown, Ohio.

Mofetoluwa Oluwasanmi was admitted to St. Louis University Masters of Public Health Program in St. Louis, Missouri.

Maitri Patel presented her summer research at Rustbelt RNA Meeting in Huron, Ohio.

Dan Kulman presented his summer research at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students in Seattle, Washington.

Michael Keller presented his summer research at the American Malacological Society's 81st Annual Meeting in Pellston, Michigan.

Sokhna Seck presented her summer research at the National Association of African-American Studies Conference in Baton Rouge, Alabama.

Taylor Moore received full scholarship funding for a summer study abroad program in Europe from the Center for International Services and Programs.

2016 Application Deadline:

September 30th, 2016



7th Annual McNair Scholar Banquet with Mr. Carl McNair