



About the McNair Scholars Program

The McNair Scholars Program is named after Dr. Ronald E. McNair, an African American Physicist and NASA astronaut. The program is sponsored by the U.S Department of Education.

The McNair Scholars Program is designed to prepare students for graduate education, with the specific aim of putting them on the path to completing a doctoral degree by involving them in research and other scholarly activities. The participants are first-generation college students from an economically disadvantaged background or are members of ethnic groups underrepresented in higher education.



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MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM



PREPARING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS IN STEM DISCIPLINES FOR GRADUATE EDUCATION





ELIGIBILITY

- You are currently enrolled as a Cleveland State University student
- You are a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident
- You have at least a 2.8 cumulative GPA
- You have earned at least 50 credit hours
- You have an interest in pursuing a Ph.D.
- You identify with one of the following groups:
 - A low-income, first-generation student (neither of your parents or guardians received a bachelor's degree)
 - A member of the following ethnic/racial underrepresented groups: African American/Black, Hispanic/Latinx, Native American, Alaskan Native, Hawaiian Native, or Pacific Islander

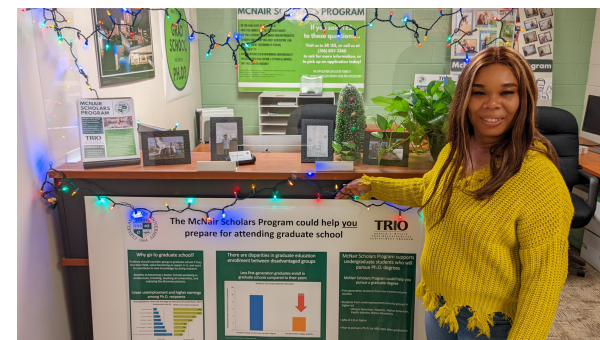
Eligible transfer students are welcome to apply!



GRADUATE SCHOOL PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

The McNair Scholars Program provides many valuable opportunities and activities that prepare students for doctoral study, including:

- Paid research experience working with faculty at our Summer Research Institute, which includes room and board and four paid credit hours
- Opportunities to present research data at local, regional, and national academic conferences
- GRE preparation resources
- Career development seminars including personal and academic financing
- Attendance to social and cultural events
- Book stipends
- Financial support for graduate school visits
- The social support and interpersonal networking afforded by the McNair community



DUAL MENTOR GUIDANCE

Each McNair scholar chooses a Discipline Faculty Mentor and a Non-Discipline Faculty Mentor to help guide them in doing personalized academic research and graduate school preparation.

DISCIPLINE FACULTY MENTOR

- Provides academic education
- Guides the development of a student's Summer research project
- Discusses and recommends possible graduate programs
- Encourages students on their path towards doctoral studies

NON-DISCIPLINE FACULTY MENTOR

- Builds student confidence specifically regarding the research interaction with academic faculty
- Provides information on professional organization and conferences
- Informs and educates students about life in academia