



How do I Apply?



TRIO McNair Scholars Program



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 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.



The late Dr. Ronald E. McNair

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Preparing undergraduate students in STEM disciplines for graduate education



This program is sponsored by U.S. Department of Education and Cleveland State University.



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
- ◆ Earned at least 50 credit hours
- ◆ Demonstrate an interest in graduate education and doctoral studies
- ◆ Are pursuing a degree in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) fields, including health sciences, computer information science, or nursing.
- ◆ 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).

Transfer Students who meet the CSU eligibility and Category 1 and/or category 2 criteria are welcome to apply.



Preparing for Graduate School

- ◆ Research experience
- ◆ Presentation skills
- ◆ GRE Preparation
- ◆ Seminars on financing graduate schools and statement of purpose
- ◆ 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 gathering

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



Benefits of the McNair Scholars Program

- ◆ Community of support—McNair Faculty & McNair Staff
- ◆ Workshops on financing graduate school education, financial literacy, and student loans
- ◆ GRE Preparation Course
- ◆ McNair Writing Course for professional portfolio preparation
- ◆ Portfolio evaluation & one-on-one tracking by McNair staff
- ◆ Summer program (\$2800 stipend, room, board and 4 paid credits)
- ◆ McNair Textbook support
- ◆ Opportunity to attend local, regional and national Conferences
- ◆ Financial support for graduate school visits
- ◆ Graduate School application fee waivers and fellowship opportunities from participating graduate schools

