

# McNair Scholars Program



## EMBRACE HIS LEGACY. CREATE YOUR OWN.

### Inside this Issue

#### PAGE 1

- \* SPRING EVENTS
- \* ABOUT THE MCNAIR PROGRAM

#### PAGE 2

- \* CURRENT & NEW SCHOLARS
- \* GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT

#### PAGE 3

- \* MONTHLY WORKSHOPS
- \* UPCOMING CONFERENCES
- \* FROM OUR DIRECTOR

#### PAGE 4

- \* BECOME A SCHOLAR
- \* RESEARCH DAY 2018
- \* CONTACT INFO

### Spring Events

Tuesday, February 13	@ 11:30 am	New Cohort Orientation
Tuesday, February 20	@ 11:30 am	} 2018 Research Cohort
Wednesday, February 21	@ 3 pm	
Friday, February 23	@ 11:30 am	Potluck — All Scholars
Tuesday, March 6	@ 11:30 am	} All McNair Scholars
Wednesday, March 7	@ 3 pm	
Tuesday, March 20	@ 11:30 am	} 2018 Research Cohort
Wednesday, March 21	@ 3 pm	
Tuesday, April 3	@ 11:30 am	} All McNair Scholars
Wednesday, April 4	@ 3 pm	
Tuesday, April 17	@ 11:30 am	} Sophomore Cohort
Wednesday, April 18	@ 3 pm	
Friday, April 20	@ 5:30 pm	McNair Banquet

The McNair Scholars Program is named after the late Dr. Ronald E. McNair, an African American physicist and NASA astronaut who perished in the explosion of the Challenger space shuttle in 1986. Participants come from underrepresented groups in higher education and/or from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, and they additionally demonstrate strong academic potential in STEM disciplines. Federally sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, the program prepares participants for graduate and Ph.D. programs through involvement in research and other scholarly activities. Over the last 10 years, McNair Alumni have attained their Ph. D., M.D., DPT, MS, and MA in various disciplines.



# Current Scholars

# New Scholars

## Biology

\*Angelica Houston

\*Casey Iyasere

\*Solomiya Pushchak

\*Asma Saleh

\*Jamil Wilson

## Health Sciences

\* Mishgan Abdullah

\* Cyna Abid

\* Nadet Najjar

## Mathematics

\*Kimberly Schveder

## Engineering

### Chemical

\*Uchechukwu Obiako

### Electrical

\*Jammel McRae

### Mechanical

\*Nicholas Gehler

## Organizational Leadership

\*Michael Ortiz

## Psychology

\* Sierra Bonifant

## Speech and Hearing

\*Taylor Moore

## Biology

\* Ashley Banks

\* Sandra Haswani

\* Andrew Youssef

## Biology

\* Igor Radzikh

## Health Sciences

\* Vonesa Demiri

\* Taylor Lawson

\* Karmen Love

\* Nautica McCully

## Mathematics

\*Saiida Bowie-Little

## Pharmaceutical Science

\* Nautica McCully

## Psychology

\* Ashante Pryor

## Nursing

\* Juliana Ramirez

Welcome!

# Graduate Spotlight



## Ma'Taya Hammond

**Graduated with B.A. in Sociology & Crimonology in Dec. 2017**

**Pursuing a M.Ed. in Special Education: Mild/Moderate at CSU**

Being accepted into the McNair Scholars Program is a blessing within itself. My experience in the McNair Scholars Program was an amazing one, and I wish I could still be as involved as a graduate student. I met some of the best people I've ever met. I have so many resources and friends from all over the country whom I still keep in contact with.

My cohort is always supportive. We always motivate each other to do our best and to never give up. I really enjoyed my peers. They definitely kept me grounded. We are all from such diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, where everyone had their own thoughts, attitudes, and opinions. That's what made our bond so beautiful.

Through the McNair Program, I also got to meet and learn from Dr. Valli before he moved. This was a great advantage in my opinion because he is so knowledgeable and supportive. I could not have asked for a better director.

Becoming a McNair Scholar is also how I met my impeccable mentor, Dr. Ronnie Dunn in Urban Studies at CSU. Dr. Dunn asked me to join him as his research assistant for the 50th Year Commemoration of The Stokes Brothers. This is where my horizon was broadened. I learned so much about Cleveland's political history, social justice, policy, research, and analytics. It was a great year-long experience, and I am thankful I gained a lifelong mentor.

Everything I learned from workshops, professionals, my cohorts, mentors, and traveling while being in McNair has stuck with me and will continue to do so. The lessons and information are all so valuable I will never take it for granted. Forever McNair!

# Monthly Workshops

**March 6 & 7:**

**Graduate School Experience** with Leah Grover, Case Western PhD student and former McNair Scholars Program Graduate Assistant

**April 3 & 4:**

**Resumes, CV, and Personal Statements** with Mary McDonald, Ph.D., Director of CSU's Writing Center and WAC Program



---

# Upcoming Conferences

<b>March 15–18:</b>	<b>University of Maryland McNair Scholars</b>	<b>College Park, MD</b>
<b>April 14:</b>	<b>The Ohio Academy of Science Annual Meeting</b>	<b>Bowling Green, OH</b>
<b>May 17–18:</b>	<b>University of Washington McNair Conference</b>	<b>Seattle, WA</b>
<b>May 29 – June 2:</b>	<b>McNair Grad School Application Prep Camp</b>	<b>Lake Barkley, KY</b>
<b>July 19 – 21:</b>	<b>University of Buffalo Undergraduate Research</b>	<b>Niagara Falls, NY</b>
<b>Sept 30 – Oct 2:</b>	<b>Emory University: Grad School STEM Research</b>	<b>Atlanta, GA</b>
<b>October 4 – 5:</b>	<b>University of New Mexico: McNair Scholars Research</b>	<b>Albuquerque, NM</b>

---

# From Our Director

Hello Scholars,

I have only been part of the McNair Scholars program for a few short weeks but already I am very impressed with our current cohort. Identifying yourself as a “scholar” speaks to your drive, work ethic and ambition. It is an honor to be part of your educational journey. I have found some of my greatest joys in pursuing higher-ed degrees, and I know it has enriched my life beyond measure. I stand ready to help you along your path.

Greetings to the new cohort. I have interviewed most of the current scholars and a question I posed was what they believed to be the strengths of the McNair Program. Without fail, almost all replied it is the community. We want to make you part of this community and hope you feel you have found your new “home.” My office door is always opened.

*Dr. Teresa Graham*

Interim Director McNair Scholars





# Become a Scholar

We accept applications all year long for new students wishing to become McNair Scholars.

To qualify, you must either be:

- (1) a first generation college student considered low-income according to federal guidelines, or
- (2) from an ethnicity underrepresented in higher education.

Other qualifications include:

- being enrolled at Cleveland State University
- being a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.8 through one's freshman and sophomore years
- demonstrating academic potential for graduate study
- being interested in pursuing a Ph.D.



To apply, stop by the McNair office in the Science and Research Building (Office 155) and fill out a preliminary application to make sure you qualify. Then, complete the full application and supplemental documentation.

McNair Scholars receive financial assistance with GRE preparation, a text book stipend, research experience in the paid Summer Research Institute internship, and support for graduate school visits and application fee waivers, and graduate school fellowship opportunities.

We look forward to meeting you!

Visit us online:



[www.csuohio.edu/mcnair](http://www.csuohio.edu/mcnair)



[www.facebook.com/mcnair.scholars.52](https://www.facebook.com/mcnair.scholars.52)



[www.linkedin.com/groups/8228131](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8228131)



[www.mcnairscholars.com](http://www.mcnairscholars.com)



**TRIO**  
RONALD E. MCNAIR  
POST-BACCALAUREATE  
ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

## Call for Abstracts

College of Sciences and Health Professions

## Research Day 2018

Friday, April 6, 2018

CSU Student Center Ballroom (SC 311)

The deadline for submitting abstracts is 8 am on Monday, March 26, 2018.

See McNair Blackboard site for link.

Spring 2018

MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM  
2121 EUCLID AVE., SR 155  
CLEVELAND, OH 44115

PHONE: 216-802-3360

FAX: 216-802-3368

EMAIL: [MCNAIRPROGRAM@CSUOHIO.EDU](mailto:MCNAIRPROGRAM@CSUOHIO.EDU)

DIRECTOR: DR. TERESA GRAHAM

GRADUATE ASSISTANTS:  
MELISSA ALLEN & CHRISTIAN WILLIS