TRIO RONALD E. MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program is a federal TRIO program funded at 187 institutions across the United States and Puerto Rico by the U.S. Department of Education. It is designed to prepare undergraduate students for doctoral studies through involvement in research and other scholarly activities. McNair participants are either first-generation college students with financial need, or members of a group that is traditionally underrepresented in graduate education and have demonstrated strong academic potential. The goal of the Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program is to increase graduate degree awards for students from underrepresented segments of society.

The TRIO Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program at NC State serves 25 undergraduate students annually.

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APPLY TODAY

Applications are being accepted until April 2, 2021

- Completed and Signed Application
- Recommendation Letters & Forms from two Faculty Members
- Personal Statement
- Writing Sample
- Resume

APPLICATION MATERIALS AVAILABLE AT: <u>http://go.ncsu.edu/mcnairapp</u>

ELIGIBILITY

- First generation AND low-income OR underrepresented in graduate education*
- Have a minimum of 3.0 GPA**
- Be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at NC State
- Must have a minimum 30 credit hours completed by the end of the spring semester with at least 4 semesters left before graduation
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- MUST have a desire to attain a Ph.D. or Ed.D.

*First generation definition, income requirements, and underrepresented status determined by federal guidelines. **Students with a GPA below a 3.0 may apply for the program but should explain how they will increase their GPA to be competitive for graduate admissions.

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FACULTY MENTOR

Being a Faculty Mentor entails providing ongoing support for scholars in their research interests, professional work habits, and guiding them through their graduate school search & funding opportunities. Faculty Mentors will lead scholars in the McNair Summer Research Experience (SRE) by providing motivation, support, and direction. Faculty Mentors should also help the scholar understand the rigors of graduate school and encourage the scholar to think critically and ask questions.

INTEREST FORM

go.ncsu.edu/mcnairfacultymentor

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SUMMER RESEARCH

The McNair Summer Research Experience (SRE) provides participants with the opportunity to develop and explore, in collaboration with a faculty mentor, a research area related to their interests. This collaboration is intended to introduce students to the nature of graduate study, scholarly activity and research careers.

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