

McNair Scholars Program
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Mentors and Scholars Responsibilities

The plan for involving faculty members in the design of research activities in which students will be involved will be centered on the mentoring relationships that will be established between UW-Whitewater faculty and McNair Scholars. Initially, faculty mentors will influence the activities of McNair Scholars by exposing Scholars to their own research projects and encouraging them to gain experience in related areas. As they progress in the program, the Scholars will develop their own projects under the direction of faculty mentors who will help each participant identify an area of research. This plan prepares students to work on an undergraduate research project with a faculty member as well as take advantage of the comprehensive learning opportunities provided by the program.

The mentoring relationship between students and faculty members, set within the context of research projects, is a cornerstone of the UW-Whitewater McNair Program. Each Scholar undertakes a research project under the guidance of a faculty member during the fall and spring semesters. In some cases, this project is a portion of a larger project being undertaken by the faculty member. Students work collaboratively with their faculty mentors on research projects for the duration of their two-year undergraduate participation in the program. The fruits of these endeavors are opportunities to present their research each year at regional and national conferences.