UWW McNair Scholars Program Information Session
Degree Attainment Salary Outlook

Unemployment rate for PhDs: 1.1%
Unemployment for Drs./Lawyers/Dentists/Vets: 1.6%
Median pay for a PhD: $97,916
Average pay for a Master’s: $77,844
**Median pay for a full professor:** $160,080 (R1, 9-month contract)
Median pay for a professor: $100,800 (all types, 9 month):


Professor Summer Pay: add $5000 to $10,000+

**NSF Survey of Earned Doctorates:**
Median First Salary:
Academe: ≈$63,000
Nonprofit: ≈$80,000
Government: ≈$83,000
Industry: ≈$105,000

Table 49 at https://nces.ed.gov/pubs2013/2013012/ta15x0002g006
TRIO and The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program

+ Part of Civil Rights Movement and the War on Poverty
+ created to provide college access to low income, first generation students and provide them with the opportunities and tools to earn college degrees and end the cycle of poverty
+ 3 original TRIO programs were Upward Bound (1964), Talent Search (1965), and Student Support Services (1968) ***TOTAL 7 TRIO PRGMS NOW***
+ 5 year COMPETITIVE grants funded at institutions across the United States and Puerto Rico
+ 187 McNair Programs currently
UWW McNair Program Goal & Objectives

- TO INCREASE THE ATTAINMENT OF PH.D. DEGREES BY STUDENTS FROM UNDERREPRESENTED SEGMENTS OF SOCIETY.

- 95% will have completed research and scholarly activities during academic year

- 80% will be accepted and enrolled in a graduate program by the fall term of the academic year immediately following completion on bachelor’s degree

- 70% of first year grads will continued to be enrolled at the beginning of fall term of the next academic year

- 20% will attain a doctoral degree within 10 years of attaining a bachelor’s degree
Ronald Ervin McNair was born October 21, 1950, in Lake City, South Carolina.

Graduated as valedictorian from Carver High School in 1967.

1971 went on to receive a bachelor’s degree in physics, magna cum laude, from North Carolina A&T State University (Greensboro).

1976, Dr. McNair received his Ph.D. in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
Following the attainment of his Ph.D., was selected out of a pool of 10,000 applicants to train at NASA

1984 went on to be the second African American to go up in space.

Two years later on his second mission to space, Dr. McNair was one of seven crew members killed in the space shuttle Challenger explosion on January 28, 1986.

Following the untimely death of Dr. Ronald E McNair, The Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program was created in his honor by the US Department of Education in 1989.
HISTORY OF UWW McNAIR PROGRAM

- Began at UW Whitewater in 1992
- First grant written by Chancellor Telfer and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Support Services Dr. Roger Pulliam
- Program has produced over 25 doctoral degree recipients
BENEFITS OF McNAIR PROGRAM AT UWW

- Guidance and mentoring from a faculty mentor
- Research and scholarly skill development
- Graduate school preparedness
- GRE Prep Courses & GRE Vouchers
- Visits to Graduate Programs
- Support to attend and present research at conferences
- Stipend earned throughout participation in Summer Research Institute/Internship
- Fee waivers for graduate programs
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR McNAIR

+ First-generation college student AND from economically disadvantaged family (determined by federal income guidelines)
  OR From a population underrepresented in graduate education (Black, Latinx, Native American, Pacific Islander)
+ U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
+ Minimum 2.75 GPA (3.00 preferred)
+ Must be a sophomore or rising junior who has completed at least 60 credits by end of spring semester
+ Can be a senior**
PROGRAM CURRICULUM AT A GLANCE
Phase I McNair Scholars

*****TWO YEAR COMMITMENT (ALL SEMESTERS)*****

Spring
+ Select Research Topic & Faculty Mentor
+ Pre-Research Assignments
+ Complete comprehensive literature review

Summer
+ Summer Research Institute (Eight weeks)
  + Conduct research with UWW faculty mentor
  + Graduate Research Proposal Writing
  + GRE (Verbal and Quantitative)
  + Grad School 1.0
+ Physical & Virtual Visits to graduate programs
+ Fun Sociocultural Activities
Summer Research Institute
ASSIGNMENTS AT A GLANCE

+ SROP/Grad App Tracker
+ Eportolio
  + Research Proposal or Research Paper Draft
  + Research Proposal PowerPoint Presentation
  + Personal Statement Draft
  + Email to Potential
  + 3 Potential Summer 2021 Research Opportunities
  + 4 Potential Graduate Programs
  + 3 Letter of Recommendation Requests
  + CV Draft
  + Professional Biography
SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE
Phase I McNair Scholars

FALL

- Research & Grad School Prep
  - Continue research project with faculty mentor independent study credits
  - IRB approval, data collection/analysis
  - Prepare SROP applications
  - Present research proposal or findings at McNair National Conferences
- Monthly Advising with McNair Staff
- McNair Monthly Forums
  - Financial literacy
  - Academic and Non-Academic careers with a PhD
  - Developing a scholar identity
  - Project management
- Travel
  - McNair/SSS Retreat (end of September)
  - National McNair Research Conference and Graduate Fair (fall and spring)
  - Virtual and In-Person Graduate School Visitations
RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS

- Continually strive for EXCELLENCE while evolving from student to scholar
- Complete ALL assignments
- Conduct research with faculty mentor
- Present both a poster and power point research presentation
- Participate in McNair events and activities
- Apply for SROP and external funding
- Take GRE
- Apply for graduate program, funding, and complete a graduate program (preferably a PhD program!)
APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Priority Deadline is Tuesday, October 31, 2021

+ Completed online Application
+ Writing Sample (Maximum 5 pages)
+ Unofficial Transcript
+ Copy of 2020 federal tax return (usually 1-2 pages long) that shows adjusted gross income, taxable income, and signature
+ 1 Letters of Recommendation from a UWW Professor) EMAILED TO mcnairasst@uww.edu
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