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McNair Scholars Program Seeking Applicants for Fall 2009 Semester at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The deadline to apply for the fall 2009 McNair Scholars Program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is Friday, March 6.

The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program is a federally-funded program that provides first-generation, low-income, minority college students with paid internships and mentoring to prepare for enrollment in graduate programs.

The program provides college juniors and seniors with opportunities to conduct research and publish or present their findings, and offers assistance in applying to graduate school. Benefits include a stipend of up to \$2,800 to work with a McNair Research faculty member during the summer.

To be eligible for the program, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be defined as low income by the U.S. Department of Education and a first generation college student, or a member of an underrepresented group in graduate education (Black-non-Hispanic, Hispanic, and American Indian/Alaskan Native).
- Have a minimum cumulative 2.8 grade point average, be enrolled full-time and in good standing with the University.
- Have a minimum sophomore standing with a declared major in the College of Liberal Arts or the College of Science and Technology. (Other majors may be considered on an individual basis.)
- Be a U.S. Citizen, or permanent resident/citizen of U.S. protectorates.

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- Desire to pursue a Ph.D. after graduation. (This program is not geared toward students who plan to pursue degrees in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, or law).

The federal program is dedicated to the memory of Ronald McNair, one of seven NASA astronauts who died on Jan. 28, 1986, when the Space Shuttle *Challenger* exploded after launch from the Kennedy Space Center.

For more information, call 361.825.3835 or visit McNair.tamucc.edu.

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