

McNair Scholars Program

Eligibility Requirements

For each McNair program, at least two-thirds of the participants must be low-income and first-generation college students. The remaining participants may be from groups that are underrepresented in graduate education. Students must meet the following requirements:

- [Low income](#) as defined by the [US Dept. of Ed.](#) **AND** First-generation college student, **OR** Member of an underrepresented group in graduate education - Black (non-Hispanic), Hispanic, and American Indian/Alaskan Native.
- Minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA, enrolled full-time and in good standing with the university.
- Minimum sophomore standing and declared major in the College of Science and Engineering, College of Education or the College of Liberal Arts. (Other majors may be considered on an individual basis.)
- US Citizenship, permanent residency or resident/citizen of US protectorates.
- Must be committed to being enrolled in a graduate degree program the fall following the attainment of bachelor's degree. The program tracks throughout graduate education and towards the successful completion of doctoral degree, which is expected to be obtained within 10 years.

Sophomore students who have not yet met all of the requirements to enter the program may be designated as **McNair Rising Scholar** and participate in a number of activities that will prepare them for full participation in the Research Experience when they have earned junior standing and help them begin to explore possibilities for graduate education.