

McNair Scholars Program

Program Overview

The McNair Scholars program was endowed by Congress to honor Dr. Ronald E. McNair, a remarkable African American astronaut who died in the 1986 Challenger explosion. The McNair Program encourages undergraduates from all ethnicities with social, economic or cultural backgrounds similar to Dr. McNair's to pursue the Ph.D.

Recruiting Date	On-going until 20 positions are filled
Decision Date	Usually within 30 days after the application is received
Admission Criteria	First generation college student who also has a low income level; and/or a member of a group that is underrepresented in graduate education, i.e. African American, Hispanic/Latino/Chicano or Native American US Citizen or permanent resident Preferred: Completion of at least 60 semester credit hours; 2.8+ cumulative CU-Boulder GPA; Majors in Arts, Humanities or Social Sciences
Feeder Programs	Academic Excellence Program (AEP) Minority Arts & Sciences Program (MASP) McNeill Academic Program
Funding Sources/Amount	CU-LEAD \$1,000/Senior Year Other Funding: UROP Collaboration \$1200/Project Junior year participation up to \$2,800*
Individual Award Amount	Up to \$2,800* stipend upon completion of a nine month research project Up to \$1500 summer allocation 3 Credit hour summer seminar fees. * Depends on federal TRIO funding through the Department of Education
Additional Incentives	Access to the National McNair consortium of institutions offering graduate application fee waivers and fellowships Rostered with Council of Graduate School (CGS) diversity recruiters to receive funding and admission opportunities

Program Support Activities	<p>Close relationships with faculty and graduate student mentors</p> <p>Strengthening academic skills through tutoring, group study sessions, time management, computer skills, etc.</p> <p>Writing support for project funding</p> <p>Paper published in the McNair Scholars Journal and the prospect of presenting research finding at a national symposium</p> <p>Intensive GRE preparation sessions</p> <p>Advising on graduate school admission</p> <p>Assistance to facilitate admission to graduate programs of choice</p>								
Leadership Activities	<p>Participate in SURA (Sojourner's Undergraduate Research Association)</p> <p>Community Service Projects conducted</p> <p>Serve as Peer Mentors to McNair Interns</p>								
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Summer Bridge Program	None								
Other Linked Programs	<p>Graduate Teaching Program</p> <p>Honors Program</p> <p>UROP</p> <p>TASC (TRIO Advanced Study Group)</p>								
Fee for 1st Year Living	N/A								