The McNair Scholars Program was established on the campus of Wichita State University in 1995 to honor Dr. Ronald E. McNair, one of seven crewmembers who met an untimely death in 1986 aboard the space shuttle Challenger. At age 26, McNair received his Ph.D. in Laser Physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and he also held three Honorary Doctorates from other prestigious universities.

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Mission Statement:
The mission of the McNair Scholars Program is to encourage students who are underrepresented in higher education to pursue post-baccalaureate degrees. The Program focuses on African American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander students. The Program concentrates on providing quality services that ensure participants graduate with bachelor’s degrees from Wichita State University, improve their chances of entering post-baccalaureate study, and ultimately attain doctoral degrees.

“True courage comes in enduring . . . persevering and believing in oneself.” ~Dr. Ronald E. McNair

Scholarly Research:
A student of merit receives a financial incentive for diligent and systematic investigation into a subject in order to discover or revise facts, theories and applications.

Undergraduate research is an important skill to have in preparation for a thesis or dissertation when planning for graduate school. The McNair Program provides this opportunity to help level the playing field of higher education for first-generation, low-income and underrepresented college students.

Students will complete the following components and receive a stipend of $2,800:

- Literature Review • Research Manuscript • Research Summary •
  • Oral and Poster Presentation • 200 plus Research Hours •

Students also have the opportunity to present their research at conferences.

Notice of Nondiscrimination
Wichita State University does not discriminate in its programs and activities on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, marital status, political affiliation, status as a veteran, genetic information or disability. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies: Executive Director, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, Wichita State University, 1845 Fairmount, Wichita KS 67260-0138; telephone 316-978-3186.
Eligibility Requirements:

Eligibility for the McNair Scholars Program is limited to U.S. Citizens or permanent residents who are first-generation college students with low income status, or students who are members of groups traditionally underrepresented in higher education, such as African American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.

Must Have:

- Completed between 40 – 90 credit hours (by end of spring semester)
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher
- Class standing of sophomore, junior or senior
- An interest in conducting scholarly research
- Desire to attend graduate school and obtain a doctoral degree

McNair Resources:

The McNair Scholars Program promotes graduate education. The goals of the Program are to help students:

- Successfully complete a bachelor's degree
- Enroll in graduate school
- Obtain a doctoral degree

The WSU McNair Program was established in October 1995. Currently there are over 150 programs nationally. The 28 WSU McNair Scholars benefit from numerous resources and services, including:

- Tutoring
- Faculty-led Seminars, Graduate Preparation and Seminar Meetings, Research Assembly Meetings and McWrite (scholarly research writing preparation)
- Faculty Mentoring
- Research Opportunities
- Attending Conferences (local, regional and national)
- Graduate School Planning
- Graduate Record Exam Preparation (GRE)
- Publishing Opportunities in Local and Regional Journals

2016 – 17 Application Period

The McNair Scholars Program is accepting applications for the 2016 – 2017 Academic Year

March 1 – April 18, 2016.

You can pick up an application from the McNair Office in 173 Grace Wilkie Annex, or go to the McNair website: http://wichita.edu/mcnair

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McNair Informational

Wednesday, March 30, 2016
Heskett Center • Room 133
11:30 am – 12:30 pm
(lunch will be provided)

You May Be Asking Yourself:

Why Graduate School?
How can this help to brighten my future?

RSVP by Monday, March 28 at 978-3139