McNair Scholars Program | Anique Ruiz, Interim McNair Assistant Program Manager | Kao Zoua Yang, McNair Advisor

* Overview and fun facts
  + Named in honor of astronaut Dr. Ronald E McNair
  + Nationally known as the Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program
  + 1 of 8 TRIO Programs Federally funded by the U.S. Department of Education (1991)
  + UWM is one of first universities with a program; Funded at 187 Universities across the U.S.
  + It is designed to prepare undergraduate students for doctoral studies through involvement in research and other scholarly activities
  + McNair participants must be low-income AND first-generation college students AND/OR a member of a racial/ethnic group that is traditionally underrepresented in graduate education
  + The goal of McNair is to increase the number of PhDs for those underrepresented within the professoriate; Not a program for pursuit of MD, JD, or a Master’s level professional degree
* Federal Eligibility Requirements
  + McNair Scholars must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
  + McNair Scholars must be working towards their **first** bachelor’s degree.
  + McNair Scholars **must have completed their sophomore year by the start of Summer 2023**
  + McNair Scholars must be:
    - A first-generation college student *(neither parent has received a four-year bachelor’s degree*) ***and*** be considered low-income (2/3s of participants)  
      AND / OR
    - Groups underrepresented in graduate education *(Black/African American, Hispanic/Latinx/a/o, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander)* (1/3 of participants)
  + Total number of students eligible to enroll is set by the McNair Program
  + Hmong is not considered an underrepresented population by the federal government, but if in doubt about a student’s eligibility, please send them to speak with someone from the program.
  + Income is determined by their taxable income, not Adjusted Gross Income
* Benefits of Participation
  + Research development and support
  + $2,800 stipend during the summer
  + GRE Preparation and GRE exam cost
  + Professional development
  + National McNair Conference
  + Graduate school fee waiver
  + Personal statement preparation
  + CV (curriculum vitae) preparation
  + And many more benefits!
* Program starts in the summer (August)
  + 10-week NcNair Summer Research Institute
  + Recommended to not take summer coursework outside of program
* Need to express an interest in pursuing a PhD on the application
* Application link: <https://uwm.academicworks.com/opportunities/12285>
* For more information about applying to the UWM McNair Scholars Program, please email us at [mcnair@uwm.edu](mailto:mcnair@uwm.edu).
* The UWM McNair Scholars Program is located in Bolton Hall, Room 187.

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* Alternative Spring Break | March 18-March 25
* Make a Difference Day November 12, 9am-1pm
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