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.
* 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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