

**University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Graduate School**

SUMMER 2017 APPLICATION



**Ronald E. McNair
Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program**

Summer Research Opportunities Program

***APPLICATION DEADLINE
Friday February 17th, 2017 — 5pm***

WHAT DOES THE MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM HAVE TO OFFER?

- **An eight-week summer research opportunity (May 30-July 26, 2017)**
- **A \$2,800 summer research stipend**
- **Opportunity to work and learn under the guidance of a UWM faculty member**
- **A summer of networking with students of similar interests**
- **Weekly skills-building seminars on issues related to graduate study**
- **Develop and improve skills for research writing and professional presentations**
- **Workshops on applying to a graduate program and financing your education**
- **Visit graduate programs at nearby institutions**
- **Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Sessions**

And much more!

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“As a first generation student approaching graduation without much of an idea on what steps to take to realize my dream of becoming a scientist, my chances of getting into graduate school were slim. I wondered if good grades would be enough and more importantly if I could even handle graduate studies, whatever that meant. The McNair program and staff provide an invaluable combination of curriculum and insight that completely demystifies this process. Their guidance is a resource otherwise not available to a person in my position and for once I have a unique advantage. I have support that is willing to match my will to succeed and will do everything they can to help me get there. I have no doubts that I will move forward in my career because of this experience.”

Zachariah Marrero



Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program

Graduate Diversity and Opportunities Program

Graduate School, Mitchell #255

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

P.O. Box 340

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Fall 2016

Dear Prospective Applicant:

We are now accepting applications for the Summer 2017 Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program.

The McNair Program offers UWM juniors and seniors an opportunity to explore an area of interest through an eight-week paid summer research opportunity. McNair Scholars will receive individual attention from UWM faculty mentors while participating in research and developing technical and conceptual skills critical to success in graduate school.

Students who qualify will be selected based on their previous academic record, personal statement that explains their academic goals, and the appropriate match of student interest and faculty research. The research objectives for the McNair program are substantial and require full-time commitment during the summer. If selected, scholars may not accept additional employment during the tenure of the program or enroll in summer courses without prior approval of the Director. At the end of the Summer Program, each scholar will be required to give a poster presentation, an oral presentation, and submit a research paper. Participants are obligated to attend a program orientation, as well as scheduled meetings, workshops, and events. All scholars are required to attend the *Annual National Ronald E. McNair Research Conference and Graduate Fair* in the following Fall after the Summer Program.

STIPEND: \$2,800 for the eight-week program

PROGRAM DATES: May 30-July 26, 2017

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 17, 2017

We hope that eligible students will take advantage of this unique opportunity to develop skills that will help them transition into graduate school successfully. If you would like further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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**Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program
Summer Research Opportunity
FOR JUNIORS AND NON-GRADUATING SENIORS*
(*seniors who will not be graduating in May 2017)**

Summer 2017 Application Form

Please complete this form, PREFERABLY TYPED, and return it along with your personal statement, a writing sample of your research paper, and an unofficial copy of your transcript. Two letters of recommendation must be included. All forms must be returned to:

**Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program
ATTN: Carmen Aguilar, Director
The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Mitchell 255
Milwaukee, WI 53201-0340**

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____
Last First Middle

Current Mailing Address _____

_____ City State Zip Code

Permanent Address _____
(If different from above)

_____ City State Zip Code

Telephone Number () _____ E-mail Address _____

Social Security Number _____

Classification in School (as of 1/2017) _____

Undergraduate Major _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average (Through Fall 2016) _____
(Please attach an unofficial copy of your transcript)

Total Credits toward Degree (as of 1/2017) _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

Ethnic Heritage:

- African American _____
- American Indian _____
- Alaskan Native _____
- Asian American _____
- Latino/a (specify nationality) _____
- Other (specify) _____
- White _____

Citizenship: U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident _____

Are you a student with disabilities Yes No

If yes, what are your disabilities? _____

Are you a Veteran? Yes No

II. PERSONAL STATEMENT: *On separate paper, describe in approximately two double-spaced pages the academic area in which you would like to conduct research if you are selected. Using the guidelines below, be sure to include what you hope to accomplish in the eight weeks of the program, plus your long-term academic and career goals.*

- ***Please describe your academic and professional goals and explain how your participation in the McNair Program will help you accomplish them***
- ***Briefly share any prior research experience you have had within or outside a university setting***
- ***Discuss the kind of research you would like to pursue for the eight-week McNair program and the faculty member you would like to work under***
- ***Provide information about honors, awards, prizes, and recognition you have received and explain how they demonstrate you are a strong applicant for this program***

III. WRITING SAMPLE: *Please provide no more than five pages of an excerpt of research writing. Use what you think is the best demonstration of your academic writing ability (e.g. writing from a composition course, from a course within your own major, etc.)*

IV. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: List the names and emails of your recommenders, whose letters you have submitted with this application.

1. Name: _____

Email: _____

2. Name: _____

Email: _____

Do you plan to apply to graduate school?

- Yes
- No
- Uncertain

Ultimate Academic Goal?

- Bachelor's
- Master's
- Medical or Law Degree
- Ph.D.

What is your potential field of interest for graduate study?

V. **FACULTY MENTOR**

Ph.D. faculty member you are applying with (if applicable). **(Please Note: Faculty must submit a separate application form.)**

Name of faculty mentor _____

School _____

Mentor's email _____

OR

You can submit your application without a faculty mentor. However, you will need to identify at least 2 potential faculty mentors whom you may want to work with.)

1. Name of faculty mentor _____

School _____

Mentor's email _____

2. Name of faculty mentor _____

School _____

Mentor's email _____

IV. **FAMILY INFORMATION**

Statement of Confidentiality: The information contained in this portion of the application is for the purpose of determining the applicant's eligibility for the UWM McNair Program. Information received will be kept confidential. If for any reason, you are not accepted into the Program your income information will be returned to you upon request.

SECTION A

Do you receive financial support from, or live with your parents: Yes No

What is the size of your parents' household, including yourself? _____

- Did your parents file a Federal Income Tax Return for 2016? Yes No

If yes, what was their 2016 **taxable income**? \$ _____
2016 taxable income

IRS FORM 1040 - Line 43
IRS FORM 1040A - Line 27
IRS FORM 1040EZ - Line 6

If no, place a "0" on line for taxable income.

SECTION B

What is the size of **your** household, including yourself and other dependents? _____

- Did you file a Federal Income Tax Return for 2016? Yes No

If yes, what was your 2016 **taxable income**? _____
2016 taxable income

IRS FORM 1040 - Line 43
IRS FORM 1040A - Line 27
IRS FORM 1040EZ - Line 6

If no, place a "0" on line for taxable income.

SECTION C

Name of Mother: _____

Highest Degree Earned, if any (check one)

- Did not complete High School
- High School
- Bachelor's
- Master's
- Ph.D.
- J.D.
- M.D.

Name of Father: _____

Highest Degree Earned, if any (check one)

- Did not complete High School
- High School
- Bachelor's
- Master's
- Ph.D.
- J.D.
- M.D.

Please add additional comments that demonstrate economically disadvantaged status. (e.g. high financial need status, Pell Grant recipient)

I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that all information submitted is complete and correct. I understand that failure to disclose accurate information is grounds for immediate termination from the McNair Summer Research Program.

Signature _____ ***Date*** _____

McNair Application Checklist

- ❑ Completed application
- ❑ Unofficial transcript
- ❑ Personal statement
- ❑ Writing sample of research paper (maximum of five pages)
- ❑ Two letters of recommendation
 - **Letter 1:** Name _____
Email _____
 - **Letter 2:** Name _____
Email _____
- ❑ **Mentor Application**
 - Mentor Name: _____
Email _____
- ❑ **Submit to MIT 255 by
Friday, February 17, 2017 @ 5PM**