To support McNair Scholars’ path to PhD, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Graduate School offers the McNair Graduate Entrance Fellowship, a one-time $5,000 award that recognizes their exceptional scholarship, research experience, and doctoral readiness through participation in the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program.

McNair Scholars who enroll in a full-time graduate degree program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) are eligible to receive the McNair Graduate Entrance Fellowship (MGEF) after completing their first term of graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Eligibility for the MGEF will be confirmed through your submission of both the McNair Participant Verification Letter and the McNair Graduate Application Fee Waiver with your UWM Graduate School application (visit uwm.edu/graduateschool/students/financial-support/fellowships/mcnair-fellowship/ for full details).

Requirements and conditions include:

1. The MGEF is a one-time payment that is non-transferrable and cannot be used as a reimbursement.

2. You must begin your full-time UWM graduate degree program enrollment in Fall 2025 or Spring 2026.

3. Your full-time graduate enrollment will be reported to the Office of Student Scholarships at the start of the semester’s contractual period and confirmed after the semester’s “Drop with a W” deadline.

4. The MGEF can be accepted in addition to other fellowship/financial aid offers.

Please contact the Graduate School Fellowships Coordinator at dbaldwin@uwm.edu with any questions regarding the MGEF.