TO: UWM Faculty

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Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program

RE: FACULTY RESEARCH GRANTS in conjunction with the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program

We are currently accepting Faculty mentor applications for our Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program (McNair Scholars Program) at UW-Milwaukee.

The McNair Scholars Program is a Federal TRIO program currently funded at 187 institutions across the United States by the U.S. Department of Education. It is designed to prepare undergraduate participants for immediate entry into doctoral studies and graduate education through involvement in research and other scholarly activities. The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, a Research-1 Institution, is one of the first 14 Programs to receive funding in 1991.

McNair Scholars are paired with Faculty mentors in their graduate field of study, who will guide the Scholar through a research project reflecting the student’s research interests as well as provide insight into the graduate application process for their specific field. McNair Mentors are expected to begin meeting with their Scholar in the Spring 2020 semester to begin development of the Summer Research project. Faculty mentors must be on campus during the 8-week Summer Research component and available to provide direct guidance throughout the project.

Our McNair Scholars are low-income, first generation college students, and/or members of racial/ethnic groups underrepresented in Higher Education. Scholars are advised against Summer coursework and outside employment during the Summer Research component and are eligible for a stipend of $2,800. Faculty mentors receive research support of $500 for supplies and expenses to support the Scholar’s research experience. The research support can only be used for costs incurred between June 1, 2020 and August 30, 2020.

Interested faculty should return the attached form to the Office of Graduate Diversity & Inclusion. Faculty Mentors and eligible undergraduates may apply together or separately (students must complete a separate application form).
FACULTY MENTOR EXPECTATIONS

"The McNair program is a great opportunity for faculty to acquire aspiring scholars and train them on the techniques of elementary scientific scholarship and research. Also, it is a great resume booster for graduate school applications. I have enjoyed every opportunity that I have had to work with such gifted and motivated students in the program."

David J. Pate, Jr. Ph.D.
Associate Professor- Helen Bader School of Social Welfare
McNair mentor—Summer 2013

We consider mentors to be one of the most important aspects of the McNair Scholars Program. In order to make the Program a successful and intellectually stimulating experiences for both Scholars and Mentors, the McNair Staff has some recommendations.

1) Work closely with the Scholar, meeting regularly at least two times per month
   a. Establish a clear communication method/plan and meet early and frequently to select a topic and formulate a research project in the Scholar’s area of interest
   b. Assign research activities for the Scholar
   c. Guide the literature review, research proposal, and research project.
   d. Determine and guide the research methodology process with the student
   e. Complete the IRB process with the student if appropriate
   f. Discuss the Scholar’s responsibility and time commitment involved in data gathering and analysis.
   g. Determine how data will be analyzed.
   h. Assist the Scholar with establishing realistic goals for the project, enabling students to meet the deadlines and to work within the timeframe allowed for the research project.

2) Review and provide input into and sign off on the following components of the Scholar’s research paper to meet due dates:
   a. The Scholar’s research proposal
   b. Literature Review or Annotated Bibliography
   c. Methodology
   d. Results/Conclusions
   e. Research paper drafts
   f. Research presentations
   g. Final research paper

3) Encourage and guide the Scholar toward publishing their research in professional journals in their field of study if appropriate

4) Provide the Scholar with information on professional organizations they can join within their field

5) Be available to the Scholar for advice and consultation on academia, research, and fields of graduate study. Discuss with the Scholar possible graduate schools for their interest area and encourage them to pursue doctoral studies.

6) Attend a Faculty Mentor Orientation and End of Summer Research Presentation/Awards Dinner.

1 Adapted from the University of Wisconsin-Madison McNair Scholars Program Faculty Handbook
Faculty Mentor Application

(Please type or submit on a separate sheet of paper)

Faculty Mentor:  

Department:  

Campus Address:  

Campus phone:  

E-mail Address:  

Do you have a PhD?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

1. Name of student you are applying with:

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2. Research Topic:

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3. Brief summary of research proposal objective(s):

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4. Scholar’s research responsibilities:

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5. Description of research design and methodology:

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Adapted from the Texas A&M University-Commerce McNair Scholars Program Mentor Handbook
6. Description of the importance/significance of the research study:
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7. Are you using human subjects?
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8. Who are the participants, how many participants will you have in your sample, and where will you recruit your participants?
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9. Instruments or methods planned for use in the research study:
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10. Citation style used for research study:
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11. Expected use of Faculty research funds:
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12. Supplies and equipment required for research study:
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13. Research study work schedule (please include timeline):
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REMEMBRER: Faculty mentor is expected to be on campus and available during the entire McNair Program
RETURN TO: Office of Graduate Diversity & Inclusion, Mitchell Hall 255, mcnair@uwm.edu