

## ABOUT

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Ronald E. McNair graduated from North Carolina A&T in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics. He received a Ph.D. in Physics from MIT in 1976, and in 1978 Dr. McNair was selected as a candidate for the space shuttle program at NASA. Dr. McNair served as a mission specialist astronaut until his death aboard the Challenger shuttle in 1986. In memory of his service and lifelong commitment to scholarship, the United States Congress established the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program.



Developing Leaders  
Through Graduate Education

### McNair Achievement Program

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MCNAIR ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

## Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program

## INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

## MISSION

The purpose of the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program is to provide first generation, low income students and students from groups underrepresented in graduate education the opportunity to effectively prepare for graduate studies. The program aims to provide participants with high-quality and relevant research opportunities, access to technology, and concrete assistance in order to ensure their success in graduate programs.

## ELIGIBILITY

You are eligible for the McNair Achievement Program if you are:

- > A citizen, national, or permanent resident of the U.S. **and**
- > Currently enrolled at Minnesota State University, Mankato **and**
- > A first generation college student who meets government-mandated income guidelines **or**
- > A member of a group that is underrepresented in graduate education.

*" Before you can  
make a dream  
come true,  
you must first  
have one."*

— Ronald E. McNair, Ph.D

## SERVICES

- > Provide research opportunities for participants.
- > Assist in linking students with faculty mentors.
- > Provide assistance to students, such as counseling, advising, and tutoring.
- > Sponsor workshops and/or seminars to help students succeed in graduate programs.
- > Provide students with information on various graduate programs.
- > Assist students with application process for graduate school.
- > Help students prepare for GRE.

## PROGRAM COMMITMENT

The McNair Achievement Program consists of a summer program component that requires research with a faculty mentor as well as seminars and counseling in the fall and spring. Scholars are eligible to receive the following incentives:

- > \$2400 Summer Stipends
- > Campus housing and meal assistance for summer sessions
- > Up to \$700 for research supplies
- > Funds to supplement travel to conferences and campus visitations

## PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

We expect the following from all participants:

- > Full participation in summer program
- > Original and independent research supervised by faculty mentors
- > Attendance at all McNair events
- > Graduation from college
- > Application to graduate and doctoral programs

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