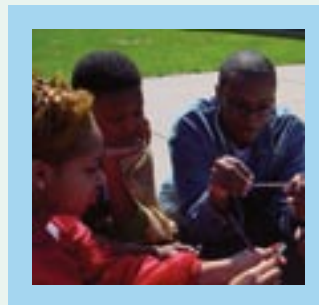
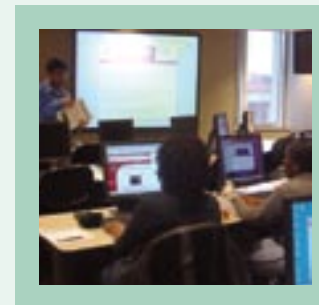
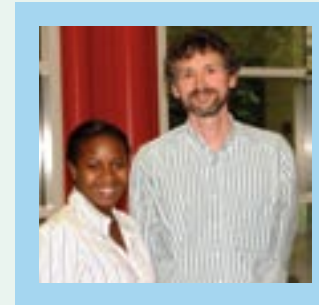


# McNair Scholars PROGRAM



preparing scholars for graduate school



## Application Materials:

Applications are available at the **McNair Scholars office located in Woody Hall B-115. Students must provide the following application materials for consideration:**

1. Application form including eligibility requirements, personal information, financial information, academic information and release form.
2. Personal/professional statement.
3. Statement of research experiences and interests.
4. Three letters of recommendation, at least two of which must be from faculty.
5. One official copy of academic transcript(s).

## Contact Information:

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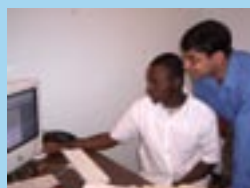
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Dr. Ronald E. McNair

# THE RONALD E. MCNAIR

Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program is a federal program that prepares undergraduates to succeed in doctoral study by engaging them in research and scholarly activities in a supportive and cohesive environment.

The SIUC McNair Scholars Program provides an enriching educational experience for students from underrepresented groups, namely minorities and first-generation/low-income students, to excel as undergraduates, succeed in graduate school, and ultimately enter faculty positions in our nation's colleges and universities. Through a strong mentoring network, the program supports and sponsors educational and professional development activities that lay the foundation for academic success. The program produces highly trained graduates who possess stellar research and academic skills.



## Program Description and Benefits

The McNair Scholars Program provides a challenging and supportive environment that is conducive to learning and personal/professional development. We offer you:

- Involvement in a prestigious national scholars program.
- Individualized academic and personal support from McNair staff.
- Involvement in a cohesive community of scholars and educators.
- Experience conducting original research.
- Summer research internships and a research stipend.
- Faculty, graduate student, and peer mentoring.
- Opportunities to participate in research conferences; funding to travel to conferences and visit graduate schools.
- Assistance in locating and applying to graduate schools.
- Workshops on the graduate school application process, financial aid, scholarships and fellowships, and the culture of graduate school.
- GRE preparation.
- Academic coaching/tutoring.



## Eligibility Criteria

Sound Interesting? You should:

- have a desire to attain a Ph.D.
- be a sophomore or junior.
- be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- have a minimum GPA of 2.7.
- be a low-income student who is also a first-generation college student (neither parent/legal guardian has a bachelor's degree).

OR

be a member of a group that is underrepresented in graduate education (African American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, or Hispanic/Latino).