About the Program

The UCSB McNair Scholars Program is designed to encourage talented and eligible undergraduates who are first-generation and low-income students or who are from a group underrepresented at the doctoral level (African-American, Latino-American, Native American or Asian Pacific Islander) to pursue Ph.D. programs. The McNair Scholars Program is a two-year program that offers seminars and the opportunity to conduct undergraduate research with a faculty mentor on campus.

Benefits to Scholars

- Graduate school preparation
- Fee waivers
- Faculty mentorship
- Opportunity to publish in UCSB McNair Journal
- Conference travel
- GRE test-preparation
- $2,800 research stipend
- UCSB partial summer tuition
- Professional development

Program Requirements

- Interest in obtaining a Ph.D. degree
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Completion of 60 units by the start of the program
- US citizen or permanent resident

- Low-income and first generation college student
- Underrepresented ethnic group in higher education

OR

Ronald E. McNair, an African-American engineer, scientist and Challenger Astronaut, was born on October 12, 1950 in Lake City, South Carolina. He completed his bachelor's magna cum laude, in Physics from North Carolina A&T State University in 1971. Five years later he earned a Ph.D. in Physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. McNair was nationally recognized for his work in the field of laser physics and received many honorary degrees, fellowships and commendations.

Deadlines

- Fall '10 incoming transfer students – October 18, 2010
- Currently enrolled UCSB students – February 1, 2011

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