

McNair Scholars Program



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

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
OR
- Underrepresented ethnic group in higher education

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.

Apply Now!

<http://mcnair.ucsb.edu/apply.html>



Deadlines

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

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