



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
Division of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

McNair Scholars Program™

The McNair Scholars Program

<https://www.depts.ttu.edu/diversity/mcnair/>

The **McNair Scholars Program** prepares undergraduate students for doctoral studies through involvement in research and other scholarly activities. McNair provides a series of workshops on the research process which culminates in an eight-week research summer program. Scholars work with their Faculty Mentor to complete a research project that simulates graduate school level work.

The McNair Scholars Program also prepares the participants for applying to graduate school through a series of workshops on the GRE, writing a Personal Statement and CV, funding, and navigating graduate school culture.

McNair provides research funding and travel funding for conferences and graduate school visits. Additionally, scholars receive GRE fee reductions and graduate school application waivers for 200+ schools nationwide.

Eligibility

Highly motivated and disciplined rising juniors who are:

- U.S. citizens or permanent residents
- First-generation AND low-income and/or historically underrepresented students in graduate education
- In Good Academic Standing (3.0+ GPA desired)
- Any Major
- Desiring to pursue Graduate Studies, especially at the Ph.D. Level

Program Expectations

- Attend orientation and bi-weekly Workshops and Seminars
- Create and complete scholarly work
- Participate in and complete research project with faculty mentor
- Complete an 8-week summer research internship with stipend
- Present research at local, regional and/or national conferences
- Complete a graduate school admissions portfolio

Application Requirements

- 500 Word Essay
- Resume/CV
- Unofficial Transcript
- 2-3 Professional or Academic References



McNair Explorers Program

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The McNair Explorers Program is a preparatory program for first-year and sophomore students to introduce them to research and graduate school and prepare them for applying to the McNair Scholars Program.

Explorers will participate in several workshops and seminars each fall and spring semester. Students who complete the Explorer Program will be given preference for acceptance into the McNair Scholars Program. Workshops and seminars will cover topics such as: "What is Research?;" "What is Graduate School?;" "Why go to Graduate School?," as well as seminars on library research, research methods, and other research opportunities and resources on campus.

Eligibility

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- First-Year or Sophomore Status
- First-generation AND low-income and/or historically underrepresented students in higher education
- Minimum 2.75 GPA
- All majors welcome

Program Requirements/Commitment

- Orientation
- Meet with McNair Staff (at least twice/semester) to discuss questions/concerns
- Meet with McNair Peer Mentor (Senior McNair Scholar) at least twice/semester
- Attend 3 Seminars per semester
- Attend McNair Research Symposium
- Volunteer at TTU Undergraduate Research Conference

Application Requirements

- Open Enrollment
- 300 Word Essay
- Resume/CV
- Unofficial Transcript
- 2-3 Professional or Academic References