

Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program at Binghamton University

What is the McNair Scholars Program?

The McNair Scholars Program provides eligible undergraduates with critical research experiences, as well as assistance with the graduate school application process. This program serves BU students who are interested in pursuing a doctorate and a career as teacher, researcher and/or administrator at the college level.

What are the advantages of participating in the McNair Scholars Program?

The following activities are planned for students participating in the McNair Scholars Program:

- McNair Summer Research Internship: receive stipend for research during 8-week program at BU.
- Undergraduate research with a professor during academic year: earn stipend for approved research.
- Faculty and McNair staff led seminars to assist with graduate school preparation.
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) preparation.
- Counseling to identify financial aid for graduate school, including assistantships and fellowships.
- Assistance completing graduate school applications and writing effective personal statements.
- Supported attendance at national and regional research conferences.
- Campus visits to other graduate school programs.
- Mentoring from faculty and McNair Staff.
- Tutoring for courses and development of writing skills.
- Graduate school application fee waivers.

Am I eligible to become a McNair Scholar?

You are eligible to apply to the program if you are/have:

- Interested in pursuing a PhD after receiving your bachelor's degree.
- From a low-income family and neither of your parents have a bachelor's degree or you are a historically underrepresented minority (African American, Native American, or Latino).
- A full time undergraduate student attending Binghamton University.
- Completed 48 credit hours.
- A minimum GPA of 3.00 in the each of the last 3 semesters.
- A US Citizen or a Permanent Resident.

How do I apply?

All application packages **MUST** include the following

- Completed McNair application form.
- 350 word essay explaining your plan to earn a PhD.
- The names and complete contact info for two references. One MUST be a teaching faculty member at Binghamton University. The other may be faculty, advisor, counselor, or work supervisor.
- Copy of most recent Income Tax Return.
- Copy of most recent Student Aid Report (SAR), available at the BU Financial Aid Office.



Submit materials to:
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BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY
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BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK 13902

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McNair Scholar Program Application

Name: _____ BU# _____ DOB: _____
Last, First, Middle Initial SS# _____

Local address: _____ Local phone: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email address: _____ Work phone: _____

Home address: _____ Home phone: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Citizenship:

- US Citizen
 Permanent Resident
(Number) _____

Gender:

- Female
 Male

Enrollment Status:

- Full Time
 Part Time

Does BU consider you an independent student?

- Yes No

Ethnicity:

- Black/African American (other than Latino) Asian American/Pacific Islander
 Hispanic/Latino Caucasian/White (other than Latino)
 Native American/Alaskan Native Other; specify: _____

First Generation College Status:

- Neither of your natural or adoptive parent(s) received a four year college degree.
 You are from a single parent household and lived with a parent prior to the age of 18, who has received a four-year college degree after your 18th birthday.
 One of your parents has a bachelor's degree but was not active as a parent prior to your 18th birthday.
 Prior to the age of 18, you did not live with nor receive support from a natural or adoptive parent. In other words, you were an orphan or ward of the court.
 None of these statements apply.

Income Verification:

Taxable Income from most recent tax return (Form 1040, line 43 or Form 1040A, line 27 or Form 1040EZ, line 6): _____ Number of people the income supports: _____

***Please attach a copy of most recent Income Tax Return and a copy of most recent Student Aid Report**

Emergency Contact Info:

Are you an:

- EOP Student BRIDGES Student
 Transfer Student BSP/CSTEP Student
 Binghamton Scholar

Class Standing at the end of this semester:

- Junior Senior Graduating Senior



Please return completed application (pages 2 and 3) with your essay response, copy of most recent income tax return and copy of most recent Student Aid Report to:
McNair Scholars Program - CIW Library, PO Box 6000, Binghamton, New York, 13902

Current Major(s) _____

Minor(s) _____

of Total Credit Hours _____
Overall GPA _____

Credit Hours in major _____
Major GPA _____

Are you interested in applying to graduate school? Yes No

If so, what discipline/major _____

I want to receive a (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PhD- Doctor of Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> MSW (Social Work) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EdD Doctor of Education | <input type="checkbox"/> MPA (Public Administration) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MD Doctorate of Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> MBA (Business Administration) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JD-Law Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> MAT (Teaching) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Doctorate | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Master's Degree |
| Specify _____ | Specify _____ |

Please describe your teaching/tutoring experience if any: _____

Please describe any previous training and experience using scientific research methods (if none, say none): _____

List two BU faculty references. One MUST be a BU teaching faculty who has instructed or worked with you in an academic setting.

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

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Essay:

On a separate sheet of paper, please explain (at least 350 words) your career goals, and *how a PhD will help you achieve them*. Any personal and/or academic information you share as it relates to attaining a doctorate degree is of particular interest.

By signing this application, I certify that all of the information is true to the best of my knowledge, including financial and family documentation provide on this form. I authorize the McNair Scholars Program to have access to my school records from offices such as EOP, Financial Aid, Admissions, the Registrar, and Institutional Research. I understand that this information may be reported to the US Department of Education and used for other program purposes.

Signature _____

Date _____

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