



THE UNIVERSITY  
of NORTH CAROLINA  
at CHAPEL HILL

## The Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program

### \*McNair Scholars Program\*

The McNair Scholars Program at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is a federally funded TRIO Program, designed to provide low-income, first-generation, underrepresented college students with effective preparation for doctoral study. The McNair Scholars Program is designed to generate in program participants the skills and motivation necessary to successfully enter and complete a doctoral program. *The goal of the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program is to increase the attainment of Ph.D. degrees by students from underrepresented segments of society.*

The overall focus of the McNair Scholars Program is to provide a supportive and encouraging academic culture that exposes students to the joys of research and scholarship, and enables them to develop close professional relationships with Faculty Mentors that will continue into graduate education. To support this goal, the McNair Scholars Program offers:

- ❖ Research opportunities;
- ❖ Workshops;
- ❖ Attend research conferences;
- ❖ Mentoring;
- ❖ Counseling and advising sessions;
- ❖ Outlets for publishing research findings; and
- ❖ Informal opportunities to discover the creativity and enjoyment of research and advanced study.

#### **McNair Scholars Program Requirements**

Applicants for the McNair Scholars Program must:

- Be a 1) first generation college student (neither parent has received a four year bachelor's degree from a college or university) and low income, as determined by the U.S. Department of Education criteria, or 2) a member of an underrepresented group in graduate education for doctoral study.
- Have earned an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Be at least a sophomore-level student, enrolled at UNC Chapel Hill
- Be a 1) citizen or national of the United States or 2) a permanent resident of the United States or 3) a permanent resident of the Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Island.

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