

WINTHROP MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Housed in **University College**, Winthrop's Ronald E. McNair PostBaccalaureate Achievement Program **helps outstanding undergraduates** prepare to **succeed in PhD programs**. Eligible students meet **first-generation & low-income and/or underrepresented race/ethnicity** criteria. Winthrop's McNair Program was established in 2009 and is funded through 2023 by a competitive and renewable U.S. Department of Education TRiO grant. \$261,888/year in **federal funding** represents approximately 73% of program costs and approximately \$95,000/year in **Winthrop** cash and in-kind matches represent 27% of program costs. Winthrop is funded to serve 30 undergraduates each year. Scholars can come from any major and other SC universities. Applications are accepted between Labor Day and Fall Break.

Winthrop McNair Accomplishments

96-100% of every cohort completes high quality research. At our **2021 national conference, 7 of our 13 presenters earned top 3 research awards** with cash prizes (up to \$500).

Up to 100% of each graduating cohort received graduate admissions offers, examples: Columbia (in NY), Georgetown, Michigan, NYU, Stanford, Temple, U Penn, UCF, UGA, & UC-Berkeley

75 - 100% of graduates immediately enrolled, including PhD programs at Duke, Emory, Notre Dame, Northeastern, Oregon, UC San Francisco, Chapel Hill, Vanderbilt, and Colorado

Transformational Experiences

Scholars are recruited & selected for **prestigious national** research, graduate study, and funding opportunities because of their McNair preparation (e.g, MIT and Harvard summer research internships)

McNair Scholars complete **a paid summer research** with a \$2800 stipend, free on-campus housing & food, 3 credit hours, and a faculty mentor with a PhD

Scholars **travel** to present research and visit graduate programs with McNair \$

Scholars receive **graduate application support, financial aid assistance, & test prep, and more**

Recent Scholar Achievements

17 Doctorates so far:
11 PhDs (Chem, Research & Eval, MATH, Ed Leadership, PSYC, ENGL, BIOL), **3** DPTs, **1** MD, **2** PharmDs

Six NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Recipients
(2021 PLSC, 2020, MATH 2018 Policy, 2017 - BIOL, 2016 - Neuro, & 2015 CSCI)

Three GEM Fellowships for CHEM Scholars pursuing PhDs (2016, 2014, & 2013) & 1 SREB Doctoral Scholar

PhD funding ex: 5-yr stipend, tuition, books, professional development & travel funds, health insurance, & funds to move



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