

THE RONALD MCNAIR POST-BACCALAUREATE ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN OSHKOSH

The federally-funded Ronald McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program will prepare 25 UW Oshkosh undergraduates annually for doctoral study by pairing them with faculty mentors who assist the students in designing, implementing, and completing a significant research project. The program seeks to increase the attainment of advanced degrees by students from first-generation, low-income, and underrepresented groups.

Additional services and seminars are offered to students throughout their tenure with the Ronald McNair program; these include research methodology, writing and oral presentation skills, academic and career development, GRE application and preparation, and graduate school site visits. In the summer following their junior year, McNair Scholars participate in an eight week, research-intensive program that leads to presentation or publication. McNair Scholars also will have the opportunity to speak with UW Oshkosh alumni who are seeking advanced degrees.

ELIGIBILITY

We are seeking the following students for McNair Scholars:

- Motivated and disciplined undergraduates interested in pursuing a PhD.
- Citizens and/or permanent legal residents of the U.S.
- First-generation college students with demonstrated financial need.
- African-American, Latino-American, Native-American students and those historically underrepresented at the graduate level.
- Applicants must have achieved at least 45 cumulative credit hours toward their degree at the time of application and have 60 credits in progress.
- College-level rising juniors and seniors in good academic standing.
- Admission GPA should be 2.75. Applicants must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA once admitted.

BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

- Paid summer research internship, including room and board (\$2500)
- Travel to national and regional research conferences
- Guided research with a faculty mentor
- Seminars to assist GRE preparation and graduate school preparation
- Academic tutoring
- Career counseling and development

APPLICATION PACKAGE

Applications available beginning December 5: www.uwosh.edu/gradstudies/mcnair.php

Eligible students should apply to the Ronald McNair program by Friday, February 29, 2008.

- The UW Oshkosh Ronald McNair program application
- A 2-page typed personal statement describing applicant's desire to seek a PhD
- 2 letters of recommendation from university faculty or academic staff
- Official transcript
- Financial information

You will meet with the Program Director and Coordinator for a personal interview and complete a self-assessment of your academic skills prior to being admitted to the program and assigned to a mentor.

Return applications to: Office of Grants and Faculty Development
Faculty Development Center
High Avenue
Oshkosh, WI 54901-8601
Phone: 920-424-3215



RONALD MCNAIR

Born in South Carolina in 1950, Ronald McNair received a PhD in physics from MIT in 1976. In 1979, McNair entered trained be an astronaut. Qualified as a mission specialist on NASA Space Shuttle flights, McNair was assigned to the Space Shuttle *Challenger*. Sadly, he lost his life when the shuttle exploded in January 1986. His long list of impressive accomplishments included graduating Magna cum Laude from North Carolina A&T in 1971, receiving Ford Foundation and NATO Fellowships, and being nominated to *Who's Who Among Black Americans* (1980). McNair was posthumously awarded the Congressional Space Medal of Honor.

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