

McNair Scholars program offers undergraduates assistance in attaining advanced degree

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The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh recently received funding for the McNair Scholars Program. The program prepares selected UW Oshkosh undergraduates for graduate study at the doctoral level with the aim to increase numbers of student groups underrepresented in doctoral programs.

Twenty-five UW Oshkosh undergraduates interested in attaining an advanced degree can participate in the program. The students that are selected will be assigned to faculty mentors who will assist the students in designing, implementing and completing a significant research project. In addition, seminars will be offered to the students throughout their tenure with the Ronald McNair program on topics including research methodology, writing and oral presentation skills, academic and career guidance, GRE application preparation, and visits to graduate schools.

To be eligible for the McNair Scholars Program, applicants must be either:

- A first-generation college student (neither parent has received a college degree), and qualify as a low-income student according to federal guidelines.

OR

- Qualify as a member of an underrepresented minority group.

Some of the benefits to students selected for the McNair Scholars Program are:

- Paid summer research internship at UW Oshkosh
- Academic counseling and tutoring
- Career counseling and guidance
- Assistance with GRE preparation and the graduate school application process
- Visits to graduate schools

To find out more information on the program or to pick up an application packet, contact Susie Sandrin, program director, at (920) 424-7404 or sandrins@uwosh.edu or Mary Seaman, program coordinator, at (920) 424-7085 or seamanm@uwosh.edu, or attend the McNair Scholars Program Open House Monday, Feb. 25 from 3-5 p.m. in Reeve Union room 215. Food and refreshments will be served.