

## **Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program granted \$220,000**

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The Department of Education recently awarded \$220,000 to the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh for the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program.

The goal of the post-baccalaureate achievement program is to prepare 25 UW Oshkosh undergraduates with the necessary groundwork for doctoral study. The program invites applications from students who are first-generation college students from low-income and/or underrepresented groups.

Marguerite Helmers from the department of English is the project director, and Mary Seaman from the Biology and microbiology department is the project coordinator.

Preparation for an advanced degree will include pairing each undergraduate with a faculty mentor, who will assist the student in designing and implementing a research project. Students will complete an eight-week, research-intensive program, culminating in the production of a poster and an oral presentation with the potential for a publication.

Students accepted into the program also will attend seminars and workshops to enhance their oral and written communication skills, and academic and career development. They also will receive assistance with GRE preparation and graduate school application preparation.

Students looking for more information about eligibility and how to apply can contact the Office of Grants and Faculty Development, 738 High Ave., at (920) 424-3215.

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