

Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program

Dr. Ronald E. McNair was America's second African American astronaut in space. Despite coming from a low income family, Dr. McNair graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree from North Carolina A&T University in 1971. Five years later he completed his Doctor of Philosophy degree in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. McNair was the first in his family to graduate from college and obtain a doctorate. On the morning of January 28, 1986, McNair and his six crew members died in an explosion aboard the space shuttle Challenger.

"Before you can make a dream come true, you must first have one." Ronald E. McNair, PhD

Introduction:

The McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program was designed to prepare undergraduate students for doctoral studies through various scholarly activities.

Benefits:

The University of Cincinnati will work closely with McNair Program participants using the following services and/or programs:

- Research Opportunities
- Mentoring Program
- Seminars and Workshops
- Summer Research Internships
- Academic counseling (goal setting to complete the undergraduate degree as well as an action plan for graduate school entrance and completion)
- Aid in obtaining financial assistance for graduate education (i.e. graduate assistantships, scholarships, etc.)

Eligibility:

Students eligible to participate in the McNair Scholars Program must:

- Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States of America
- Be a first generation college student (neither parent holding a Bachelor's degree) and come from a low socioeconomic background (established by the US Department of Education) **or** be a member of an ethnic group underrepresented in graduate studies (African American, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian/Alaskan Native)
- Have completed a minimum of 60 semester hours
- Have a 3.00 minimum cumulative GPA

All majors are welcome with emphasis in biological sciences, physical sciences, social sciences, math and engineering.

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