

# RONALD E. McNAIR SCHOLAR PROGRAM

# PREPARING FUTURE GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Ronald E. McNair Scholar program is designed to empower first-generation and underrepresented students with strong academic potential to pursue PhDs after they graduate from EWU. A faculty mentor will help you maximize your undergraduate education and design an independent research project. McNair staff will provide support with graduate school applications and preparation. You will join a community of peers creating a cross-disciplinary network with opportunities for paid research internships, seminars, school tours, and presentations.

McNair is a fast track for developing competitive candidates for graduate study who go on to earn PhDs.

### THE BENEFITS OF McNAIR

- · Assistance in securing financial aid
- Mentoring
- Graduate school preparation seminars
- Tutoring/academic counseling
- Graduate application fee waivers
- Paid trip to academic conference
- Feedback on all application materials
- Paid research internship opportunities

"As a McNair scholar, I had my first experiences with formal mentorship.

The summer grant I received from McNair allowed me to focus on drafting a strong writing sample and preparing for the rigors of graduate education while working closely with a faculty mentor."

 Alicia Peaker '04, McNair Scholar







#### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Desire to attend graduate school
- Qualify as a low-income, first generation college student or be a member of a group that is underrepresented in doctoral studies
- Have a 2.8+ GPA when applying, and a 3.0+ by time of acceptance into the program (winter or spring quarter)
- Be enrolled at EWU

# MCNAIR SCHOLARS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO:

- Indiana University
- University of Massachusetts
- University of Washington
- University of Hawai'i at Monoa
- Yale University
- University of Texas-Austin
- University of Notre Dame
- Washington State University
- SUNY University at Buffalo
- Purdue University
- University of California Davis
- Temple University
- University of Oregon
- Iowa State and more!



## Community

Access a nationwide network with funded travel to conferences where you'll meet graduate school representatives, and other McNair scholars from across the country.



## **Mentorship**

Work with faculty mentors to generate original graduate level research, present at conferences and publish your findings.

