

What is a McNair Scholar?

The Xavier University Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program is one of the TRIO programs funded by the United States Department of Education designed to increase the numbers of first-generation, low income and underrepresented students completing doctoral programs (Ph.D).

Xavier McNair Scholars Will:

- Participate in a bi-weekly and/or monthly seminar series offered each semester*
- Attend professional meetings, research symposia, and graduate school visitations, network with alumni who have completed Ph.D. programs*
- Enroll in courses/seminars designed to strengthen test taking, writing and technological skills*
- Meet with program administrators 2-3 times each semester for individual advising & counseling*
- Successfully complete research projects demonstrated by publications of a paper and/or presentation of their research project results*
- Attend Annual Fall Grad Fair & Research Showcase*
- Receive extensive graduate school preparation*
- Be equipped to successfully enter and complete doctoral programs*
- Have the opportunity to work in mentoring relationships with faculty members*

To Apply:

- Complete the freshmen year (30 credit hours minimum);***
- Have a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average;***
- Maintain good academic and disciplinary standing with Xavier University (3.0 cum. GPA required);***
- Qualify as a low income/first generation or underrepresented eligibility;***
- Express a desire to pursue graduate study through the Ph.D. level;***
- Provide a Letter of Recommendation from a faculty member;***
- Provide a CV or Resume that includes a listing of any previous research experience;***
- Complete a mock interview with the Office of Career Services prior to interviewing;***
- Provide and maintain an updated listing of programs, as well as any funding, federal or non-federal, provided by these programs;***
- Along with completed application, any student applying under the low income eligibility must provide a copy of the income and tax information; and***
- Submit a statement of purpose that outlines your goals, personal ambitions, future plans, and describing as precisely as possible, your academic and research interest and needs.***

Selection Process:

- Complete and submit an application by the required deadline;
- Receive an invite to interview;

A committee consisting of the Xavier McNair Program director and assistant director, McNair participants and/or a faculty liaison will review completed applications packets and then make selections. Selected students may represent a diversity of majors and may have either junior or senior standing.

If there are any questions, please contact the McNair Program staff at (504) 520-7633 or email mcnair@xula.edu.

Part III. Eligibility Information

Statement of Confidentiality. The information below is required by the U.S. Department of Education under the authority of the Higher Education Act of 1965. It is used solely for the determination of the applicant's eligibility for the Xavier McNair Program. It will be treated with full confidentiality. All questions must be answered for consideration.

First Generation College Student Status

	Yes	No
Did either biological parent/legal guardian graduate from college with a bachelor's degree? (If YES, provide: 1. The name of the institution: 2. Degree obtained: 3. Major/Field of Study:		
Do you regularly reside with and receive financial support from a single parent who did NOT receive a bachelor (or higher) degree?		
Do you regularly reside with and receive financial support from a biological parent/legal guardian?		

Financial Eligibility

	YES	NO		YES	NO
Born before Jan. 1, 1993?			Are you married?		
Veteran of U.S. Armed Forces?			Orphan or Ward of the Court?		
Grad Professional Student in 2015-2016			Have dependents other than spouse?		

*Complete the following column below based on whether Xavier's Office of Financial Aid classifies you as **DEPENDENT** or **INDEPENDENT** taxpayer.*

DEPENDENT	INDEPENDENT
You must provide our office with your parent(s)/guardian's current year's tax return or the information requested below along with the signature of the parent(s)/guardian(s) that claimed you as a dependent in the most recent tax year.	You must provide our Office with the current year's income tax return or the information requested below along with your signature. In addition, students claiming an independent status MUST provide proof of independence from the Financial Aid Office.
<p align="center">INCOME and FAMILY SIZE</p> Income tax filed for 2016? (Yes or No) _____ Number of Dependents in 2016 _____ Adjusted Gross Income for 2016 _____ _____ Print (parent/guardian) Name _____ Signature (Parent/guardian) Relationship to student: (Circle) Parent Guardian	<p align="center">INCOME and FAMILY SIZE</p> Income tax filed for 2016? (Yes or No) _____ Number of Dependents in 2016 _____ Adjusted Gross Income for 2016 _____ _____ Print (Yours) Name _____ Signature (Yours)

By signing below, you certify that all information on this form is true and complete to the best of you knowledge. If asked you agree to give proof of the information which may include a copy of our U.S. or state income tax forms. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined \$10,000, sent to prison or both.

Signature

Date

PART IV. ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS

1. Have you ever conducted research? If yes, in what capacity (i.e. academic course, departmental, off-campus, etc.)? _____

Name of Research Program/Project: _____

Faculty Research Advisor/Mentor: _____

Location of Research Experience: _____

Dates: _____

Provide a listing of any additional programs or organizations that provide funding support for your academic pursuit and research experiences.

I am not a member of any program that provides additional funding for my research or academic pursuits.

PROGRAM NAME	FUNDING AMOUNT	PAYMENT FREQUENCY

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1 st Generation	Yes or No	Original Decision: Accepted	Denied Date: _____
Pell-Eligible	Yes or No	Reconsidered, Accepted: (Date)_____	
Underrepresented	Yes or No	Classification when accepted: _____	
Grad Yr. _____		Withdrew or Dismissed McNair: (Date)_____	