



UST McNAIR SCHOLARS POST-BACCALAUREATE ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM WINTER RECRUITMENT EVENT 2012

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About the McNair Scholars Program

The Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program is a nationally recognized program of distinction designed to prepare undergraduate students for immediate success and enrollment into graduate school for research-based doctoral degrees. The program helps talented students who are first-generation college students meeting certain income guidelines as stipulated by the federal government, or who are underrepresented in their fields of study. The program seeks to enhance their skills to meet the demands of challenging research-based graduate programs. By learning how to engage graduate level research, by cultivating academic and professional skills, networking locally and nationally, students are preparing to become recognized leaders in their fields.

The program seeks to produce scholarly researchers who reflect the growing diversity in intellectual perspectives, life experiences, and cultures in academe.

McNair Mission

The University of St. Thomas's McNair Scholars Program is designed to increase the recruitment, retention, and success of those students who have been underserved by higher education. The UST McNair Scholars Program enables scholars to make informed choices regarding professional and academic careers, identify career goals, assess their learning and academic skills, enhance their academic and research skills, participate in research programs, acquire knowledge of doctoral study opportunities and professional skills, and apply to enroll in and graduate from doctoral programs.

What McNair Provides

- Paid Graduate-level research opportunities with a faculty mentor
- Free professional GRE training
- Professional visual and verbal presentation training
- Advanced writing assistance
- Graduate school seminars and admissions assistance
- Academic and career counseling
- Personal and college financial management and planning
- Extensive library training for advanced level research

McNair Program Benefits

- free professional GRE training and 50% off the GRE for one sitting
- a \$4,000 merit stipend
- room & board for the 10 weeks of the Summer Research Institute (**June 4, 2012 - August 10, 2012**)
- up to \$1,000 in travel reimbursement to present at a national conference
- up to \$1,000 in travel reimbursement to attend a graduate school visit
- the opportunity to publish research in the McNair Scholars Journal;
- graduate school admission fee waivers for participating schools
- nationally recognized scholar distinction throughout your education and beyond the completion of your doctoral degree



Journey for Justice: A Study of the Civil Rights Movement (1954-1965)

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J-Term 2013 Tour Down South

New to the McNair Scholars Program

This year newly admitted scholars will have the rare and unique opportunity to participate in a course specifically designed for them. This course, entitled *Journey for Justice: A Study of the Civil Rights Movement (1954–1965)*, is designed to engage McNair Scholars in a journey through the study of struggles and accomplishments of a tremendous American movement that has paved the way for so many opportunities that we have today, which include programs like the McNair Scholars Program. An in-depth look at civil and human rights laws, the desegregation of schools, SNCC, the Highlander Folk School and the uniting of the races, Rosa Parks the woman, and struggles for peace are some of the events that will be studied. Students will engage debates, present research, and engage round-table discussions in preparation for a hands on study of this movement.

Scholars successfully earning a B in the course will earn their ticket to board the *Journey for Justice* in January of 2013. This two week, J-Term bus trip is scheduled to stop at various historic sites where many of the events studied will be visited. The tour will also stop at a host of historically black colleges and universities where scholars will have the opportunity to hear from faculty, museum directors, and clergy who will deepen their knowledge and understanding about the movement from events that took place in their states. States to be visited include Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia, and Alabama. Additionally, scholars will have the chance to network and meet other McNair Scholars at some of the schools visited.

Upon return, scholars will work to prepare a presentation for the campus and surrounding schools to tell the stories as they learned it from their journey with the intent to add to the continued work to encourage and celebrate education, values, and the right to learn.

To participate in this course students must be McNair Scholars in year 2012-2013 (Cohort 5), in good standing, and successfully complete all McNair Summer Research Institute program requirements (Summer 2012). Further, scholars will need to complete the Fall *Journey for Justice: A Study of the Civil Rights Movement (1954-1965)* course with a B grade or higher to receive their ticket to board the bus.

This required, tuition waived, 4-credit, A-F grade course, and bus tour are paid opportunities for scholars in good standing.



The *Journey for Justice: A Study of the Civil Rights Movement (1954-1965)* is a Justice and Peace Studies department course and is proudly a *Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC)* certified course!

*ALL ABOARD...
The Journey for Justice!*



Foua K. Yang
UST 2012

Congratulations to Foua K. Yang for her recent admission into the M.A./Ph.D. Family Social Science program at the University of Minnesota. Foua has done an outstanding job at building her academic portfolio in preparation for graduate school. Under the mentorship of Dr. Robinson-Riegler at the University of St. Thomas, her outstanding success at UST and in the McNair Scholars Program afforded her the opportunity to conduct research at the University of Minnesota in the Department of Family Social Science under the mentorship of Dr. Zha Blong Xiong this past summer. Foua will begin her studies in fall 2012.

Admission Requirements

For admission consideration you must be:

- a rising junior completing no less than 60 credits by end of spring semester 2012 with a cumulative GPA of 2.85 (credits from all previous institutions attended must appear on one transcript);
- a citizen, national, or permanent resident of the United States; **AND**
- a first-generation college student who meets government-mandated income guidelines as defined by the U.S. Department of Education;

OR

- a member of a group that is underrepresented in graduate education (African-American, Hispanic-Latino, Native American and Alaskan, other Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian);
- currently enrolled full-time at the University of St. Thomas, University of St. Catherine, Concordia University, Hamline University, or Macalester College;
- and be interested in pursuing a research-based doctoral degree such as: Ph.D., Ed.D., Psy.D., D.S.W.

For more information about eligibility requirements and to obtain an application please visit our website:

<http://www.stthomas.edu/mcnairscholars/>

McNair Scholars Program Requirements

- scholars are *required* to participate in the Summer Research Institute and live on campus **June 4, 2012–August 10, 2012** (room & board are paid for by the program).
- scholars are required to take the fall semester 2012 *Journey for Justice: A Study of the Civil Rights Movement (1955-1965)* course.
- scholars are also expected to participate on the bus tour during **J-Term, 2013**. This is a two-week bus tour (*dates yet to be determined*).
- applications are being accepted only from those students entering their junior year starting fall 2012.
- students must be able to provide proof a citizenship (two acceptable forms of ID are driver's license and U.S. passport).
- **NEW** Application Deadline:

Application Deadline: **March 2, 2012**

2012-2013

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"Whether or not you reach your goals in life depends entirely on how well you prepare for them and how badly you want them. You're eagles! Stretch your wings and fly to the sky."

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