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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.

— Dr. Ronald E. McNair

McNair Student Information

Program Overview

The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, named after the late Dr. Ronald E. McNair, is a federal, TRIO program funded by the U.S. Department of Education at 185 institutions across the United States and Puerto Rico. It is designed to increase the number of students from underrepresented populations and disadvantaged backgrounds in graduate study.

Eligibility Criteria and Details

In order to be eligible for participation, an applicant must:

- be either a second- or third-year student;
- be interested in pursuing post-baccalaureate education, particularly a PhD;
- have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher;
- be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States;
- be either:
  - first-generation college student and low-income;
  - OR, a member of an underrepresented minority group.

LSAMP Student Information

Program Overview

The Upstate Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (ULSAMP) was formed to attract and maximize the potential of students from underrepresented populations, specifically African-American, Latino American and Native American (AALANA) in Upstate New York who are enrolled in STEM fields.

Supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation, the ULSAMP program works across the alliance of seven (7) upstate colleges and universities to increase recruitment and the subsequent graduation rate of both first-time freshmen and transfer students, by enhancing academic experiences and opportunities, internships, scholarships, fellowships, mentoring, research, and other activities and events.

Summer Research Experience (both programs)

The summer program is an intensive 10-week, paid research experience. During this period, scholars:

- work on faculty mentored research project in the area they plan to pursue for graduate school;
- present research projects at least once at a university conference;
- participate in a number of academic and professional development workshops and cultural events;
- receive a stipend, room and board on RIT campus;
- have the possibility of receiving a one block Cooperative Education Credit.

Academic Year (both programs)

During the academic year, the programs provide a series of academic workshops and sessions to continue preparing the scholars for graduate school.

These offerings include:

- Graduate Prep Series, assists graduating scholars with the graduate school process;
- Professional Development Series, providing scholars with leadership and professional development opportunities.

Faculty Mentor Information (both programs)

Become a Faculty Mentor

The most important aspect of the RIT McNair and LSAMP Scholars Programs is the Faculty Mentor-McNair Scholar relationship.

Faculty Mentors:

- expose their scholars to the skills and aptitudes required for success in the academic world;
- serve as models of successful research professionals;
- support the personal and academic success of the McNair Scholar.