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McNair Scholars Program

Established in 1986 by the U.S. Department of Education, the program is named for Astronaut Ronald E. McNair, a crewmember of the Challenger space shuttle who died in the 1986 explosion. The primary goal of the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program is to provide academically-talented, low-income, first-generation college students and students that are underrepresented in graduate education with effective preparation for doctoral study. Through partnership with faculty mentors and participation in intensive summer research sessions, McNair Scholars are assured of success in pursuit of their doctoral degrees.

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