

# Become A SMU McNair Scholar



## Application Requirements

- Completed and signed application form
- Personal statement
- Resume
- Two recommendations
- Proof of eligibility documentation, as applicable (e.g. signed income statement, etc.)

*\*The application is posted on the SMU McNair Scholars webpage. For additional information, please email [mcnairscholars@smu.edu](mailto:mcnairscholars@smu.edu)*

## What is the McNair Scholars Program?

The McNair Scholars Program prepares and supports underrepresented SMU undergraduate students in their pursuit of doctoral studies.

### Program Benefits

- Intensive faculty-mentored research experience
- Academic, career, personal and financial literacy counseling
- Assistance with applying to graduate school
- Research conference & graduate school tour travel opportunities
- Professional and personal development workshops.

### Eligibility

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Meet at least one of the following federally mandated requirements:
  1. Be a low-income AND first-generation college student according to established guidelines,

**OR**

  2. Be a member of a group underrepresented in graduate education (Alaska Native, American Indian, Black, Hispanic, Native Hawaiian, Native Pacific Islander)
- Have sincere intentions to pursue a Ph.D. after graduation

Applications will open up on October 1st, Priority Deadline by November 2nd

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until all spots are filled