Ronald E. McNair Scholars Graduate Fellowship

Department Nominations Due: Friday, February 6, 2015 (by 4 p.m.)

The McNair Graduate Fellowship is for outstanding McNair Scholars entering Ph.D. or MFA programs at IU Bloomington.

The McNair Graduate Fellowship is designed to encourage more underrepresented students to complete a Ph.D. degree. The fellowship is offered to outstanding first-generation, low-income, or minority college graduates with the goal of increasing the pool of underrepresented students pursuing careers in post-secondary education and establishing role models for future minority students.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. An undergraduate GPA of at least 3.5 is strongly recommended.
2. Nominee must provide documentation of their undergraduate status as a Ronald E. McNair Scholar.
3. Nominee must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. International students are not eligible.
4. The M.F.A. degree program is an eligible field.

Stipend and Benefits:

1. The Ronald E. McNair Graduate Fellowship is a multi-year award designed to guarantee that the student receives full stipend, tuition and health insurance throughout the time they are working towards the Ph.D. or M.F.A. degree. At least one year is a pure graduate fellowship with no duties beyond continued progress towards the degree. During that year, the stipend level is $19,000-$25,000 depending on the discipline. The fellowship year stipend and subsidized health insurance are provided by the University Graduate School. Tuition is funded by the department, College or School. For the remaining 2-4 years, funding is the responsibility of the Department, and is derived from a combination of awards, scholarships, research and/or teaching assistantships.
2. Funds for a recruiting visit to Bloomington are also included to those who are offered the award.

Nomination Process: For further information and a funding template, departments should please refer to the Guidelines document in the Resources section on the University Graduate School’s Awards and Fellowships Sharepoint site: https://www.sharepoint.iu.edu/sites/UGSAwardsAndFellowships/default.aspx

Departmental nominations should be submitted through the Sharepoint no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, February 6, 2015.