



INDIANA UNIVERSITY

THE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL

2015-2016

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.**