



Binghamton University
McNair Scholars Summer Research
Internship Program Application Tuesday,
May 30th, – Friday, July 21st, 2023



First and Last Name Month

Year of Graduation

Graduating Senior? ____ YES ____ NO

Today's Date _____

Students selected for participation in the McNair Scholars Program are not automatically granted a space in the McNair Scholars Summer Research Internship Program. It is essential to award research stipends only to those students with a reasonable chance of being admitted and completing a doctoral program. Most summer stipends are given to students participating in research projects between junior and senior years. There are about 40 McNair Scholars. We have 18 Summer Research stipends available.

Students who are selected to participate in the McNair Scholars Summer Research Internship Program will have the opportunity to assist in the execution of a research project designed by a Binghamton University faculty member. Each faculty member may supervise up to four students. Judging from previous experiences, research groups of 2-3 students work best. **Contacting faculty to see if they would be willing to take you on as a research assistant this summer will be up to you.**

Decisions about who receives a summer stipend are made in the Spring of each year. Each student is accepted, rejected, or wait-listed. If a student is wait-listed, they are informed of their position on the waitlist. **Selection is based on the following criteria in priority order:**

1. Good attendance at workshops, seminars, poster sessions, and up-to-date Graduate School Progress Reports are signs of commitment on the student's part. We will privilege those students whose levels of activity justified the awarding of a Progress Stipend during the semesters they were eligible to receive them.
2. Those students who show continued interest in pursuing the PhD receive additional consideration when summer stipends are awarded.
3. The student's academic performance - especially their grade point average in their major field.
4. Whether the student has received a stipend for research experience during a previous summer. Students can receive as many as three summer stipends. However; the McNair Advisory Committee has decided that students should only receive two summer stipends once every *qualified* student has received at least one.
5. Performance in previous McNair Scholars Summer Research Internships, if applicable.
6. Whether the student has identified a willing faculty mentor.

Each student who participates in the Summer Research Program must produce a written research report at the end of the Summer Research period. This report is expected to serve both as the basis of a research presentation on the Binghamton University campus and as the basis of a poster presentation or oral presentation at a research conference at another institution.

Responsibilities and Expectations for McNair Interns

1. SEMINAR COMPONENT to Summer Research offering GRE practice exam, formation of Graduate School Portfolio and research presentation preparation assistance.
2. McNair Summer Interns may take up to 4 credits of academic work per summer school session.
3. Summer Interns may only work at jobs up to 10 hours per week while participating in this program.
4. McNair Summer Interns are required to work 30 hours per week. Included in this is the once a week, 1 ½ hour class time. Faculty Mentors will verify the quantity and quality of work completed throughout the summer.
5. Produce a final project (research paper, PowerPoint presentation, or poster) by July 14, 2023 (tentative). Consult with the assigned Faculty Mentor for assistance with this project. Faculty Mentors will have to approve the final project by signing it. Remember that a portion of your summer stipend will not be available **UNLESS** this requirement is met.
6. Except for seniors graduating during the summer, McNair Interns are required to present their summer research projects during the upcoming academic year's McNair Research Conference and Undergraduate Research Days.
7. Complete a Faculty Mentor Evaluation form by the end of the summer internship. Faculty Mentors and Summer Interns will evaluate each other's performance at the end of the Summer Program.
8. Attend all required meetings and events during the summer research period.
9. Notify McNair staff early if a problem arises.

What is the **name, telephone extension, email address** of the faculty member **who has agreed** to supervise your research this summer?

NAME _____

TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

Please understand, if selected this does not guarantee you will be able to work with the faculty member you have selected.

1. Please submit a short essay (one page, double-spaced) explaining why you should be accepted as a Summer Research Intern given the criteria for admission included on this application form. If there is a particular faculty member with whom you would like to work this summer, please explain. Is the faculty member willing to supervise your work?
2. If different from the standard **Tuesday, May 30, 2023 / Friday, July 21, 2023** “start and end date”, when would you like to start and end?

Date _____

For Seniors only:

I am scheduled to graduate in May. ____ YES ____ NO

If YES, if selected for participation in the McNair Summer Research Internship Program, I am willing to defer my graduation until August. ____ YES ____ NO

I also understand and accept the responsibilities and expectations of McNair Interns.

Signature _____ Date _____

E-mail address _____

Return this application and essay to: mcnair@binghamton.edu by Friday, March 31st, 2023.

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