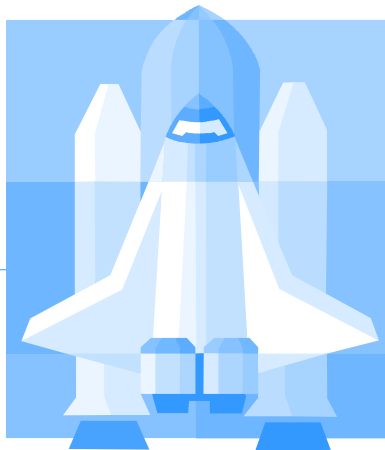


Ronald E. McNair

Dr. McNair grew up in a poor community in the South and graduated magna cum laude from North Carolina A & T State University. He attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology and, at the age of 26, earned a PH.D in laser physics.

He worked as a Staff Physicist for Hughes Research Lab. Dr. McNair was a mission specialist aboard the 1984 shuttle Challenger. After his untimely death in the Challenger explosion in 1986, members of Congress funded the McNair Scholars Program to encourage students from similar backgrounds to attend graduate school.



"This program has been a tremendous help to my future educational endeavors in life" said Alicia Square, McNair Scholar graduate

"The McNair program prepared me for the tremendous amount of research and teaching that I have to do in graduate school," said McNair Graduate, Ayesha Henderson

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The Southern University Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program provides academically strong rising juniors and rising seniors who are traditionally underrepresented with services they need to overcome socioeconomic barriers that might prevent them from earning doctorate degrees.

Students interested in applying for McNair Program must::

- *Intend to pursue a doctorate degree*
- *Have a minimum 3.0 GPA*
- *Be first generation college student*
- *Be a citizen of the United States*
- *Meet financial eligibility criteria*

Application Process

- Complete an application
- Submit two letters of recommendation
- Complete an interest essay
- Provide need for Financial Aid
- Provide current transcript
- Participate in selection interview process

Southern University Ronald E. McNair

The Southern University McNair Program was established in 2003.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- All scholars received intensive GRE preparation
- Six scholars participated in the 2004 commencement
- Scholars received over \$276,000 to attend graduate school
- Scholars made presentations at professional conferences
- Scholars visited graduate schools
- Two Scholars received awards at the SEA professional meeting in Washington D.C.
- Scholars participated in international students and faculty video teleconference
- Scholars completed research experiences



BENEFITS

- Financial support
- Paid summer research opportunity
- Academic counseling
- Enrichment seminars and exposure to cultural events
- Communication skills enhancement
- Opportunity to travel to professional conferences
- Faculty mentorship
- Research
- Graduate school admissions assistance
- GRE preparation
- Tutoring

