

FIU McNair Graduate Fellowship Fall 2017

The FIU McNair Graduate Fellowship was created to encourage promising undergraduate McNair Scholars to pursue their graduate education at Florida International University. FIU's University Graduate School will award a limited number of FIU McNair Graduate Fellowships to McNair Scholars based on a nomination from their graduate program. To be considered for the fellowship a student must be fully admitted to a master's or doctoral degree program at FIU for the Fall 2016 semester. Preference will be given to students who are entering a doctoral program.

Doctoral Student Awards

FIU McNair Graduate Fellowships for doctoral students provide four years of support with a \$23,000 annual stipend plus a tuition waiver and individual health insurance. The University Graduate School will provide the support for the first two years in the form of a fellowship. The academic department will continue to provide the same level of support during the 3rd and 4th years through a (0.5 FTE) teaching or research assistantship. Students may not receive other FIU fellowships or fellowships from outside agencies during the first two years of the award.

Master's Student Awards

FIU McNair Graduate Fellowships for master's students provide a \$15,000 stipend for the first year, plus a tuition waiver and individual health insurance. In the second year, the student's academic department will continue the same level of support by providing the student a (0.5FTE) graduate or research assistantship. Students may not receive other FIU fellowships or fellowships from outside agencies during the first year of the award.

Eligibility - Nominees must:

- be a US Citizen or Permanent Resident
- be newly admitted to/entering a master's or doctoral degree program at FIU for the Fall 2016 semester (currently enrolled graduate students are not eligible)
- have participated in and complete the McNair Scholars Program at their undergraduate institution
- have a GPA of 3.5 or higher in upper division undergraduate coursework

Nominations

Nominations are submitted by the admitting graduate academic program via the FIU McNair Graduate Fellowship Nomination Form. Nominees must be admitted to the graduate program before the fellowship application can be considered. In addition to the completed nomination form, the following supporting documents are also required:

- Letter from McNair Program director confirming the student's participation in and completion of the McNair program at the student's undergraduate institution on official school letterhead
- Student's personal statement outlining his/her undergraduate accomplishments and graduate education goals
- Student's Resume/CV
- Letter from proposed FIU mentor in graduate program

Nomination Form Deadline

The FIU McNair Graduate Fellowship application and all supporting documents must be submitted to UGS, MARC 240, no later than **March 17th, 2017**.

Contact Information – For further information or assistance please contact Michael Dudley at tel. (305) 348-4711 or dudleym@fiu.edu.

FIU McNair Graduate Fellowship Nomination Form

To be eligible, the student nominee must be a US Citizen or Permanent Resident; have completed a McNair Scholars Program at his/her undergraduate institution; be newly admitted to a master's or doctoral degree program at FIU for the Fall 2016 semester (currently enrolled graduate students are not eligible); have a GPA of 3.5 or higher in upper division undergraduate coursework; and not have been awarded a full fellowship from FIU or outside agencies.

Nomination Form Deadline is March 17th, 2017

Nominee Section

(to be completed by the student) Please complete the section below and submit form along with the required documents to your Graduate Program Director to have them complete the FIU Graduate Program Section.

Panther ID: _____ Name: _____

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Email: _____ Telephone: _____

FIU graduate program you are entering:

Master's Doctoral (select one) program in _____

College/University where you participated in the McNair Scholars program: _____

Please attach the following:

- A letter from your McNair Program director confirming your participation in and completion of the McNair program on official school letterhead
- A personal statement outlining your undergraduate accomplishments and graduate education goals
- A Resume/CV

FIU Graduate Program Section

(to be signed by the Graduate Program Director and Department Chair) Please complete section below and forward along with required supporting documentation to UGS in MARC 240.

Please indicate your unit's nomination (admitted students only) and verify matching support:

- Doctoral Nominees:** Our Unit is nominating the above student who has been admitted into the doctoral program in _____ . Our unit commits to providing this student a graduate assistantship (TA or RA) at a minimum annual stipend of \$23,000 during the third and fourth years of his/her doctoral program.
- Masters Nominees:** Our Unit is nominating the above student who has been admitted into the master's program in _____ for the McNair Graduate Fellowship. Our unit commits to providing this student a graduate assistantship (GA or RA) at a minimum annual stipend of a \$15,000 during the second year of his/her master's program.

Please attach the following:

- A letter from the student's proposed mentor, outlining the mentor's research interests and qualifications, including his/her record of successfully mentoring students and obtaining external funding

Graduate Program Director : _____
Name (Print) Signature Date

Department Chair : _____
Name (Print) Signature Date

Department: _____ Telephone: _____

The signed nomination form and supporting documentation must be submitted to the University Graduate School, via email to dudleym@fiu.edu, by **March 17th, 2017**.

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