

OUHSC Graduate College McNair Alumni Awards

The purpose of these awards is to encourage undergraduate McNair students who have successfully completed an undergraduate degree to attend graduate school at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC).

1. McNAIR FELLOWSHIP

These fellowships are awarded to students accepted into a Graduate College doctoral (Ph.D.) program. The recipient must also be appointed a graduate research assistant. The OUHSC Graduate College awards up to four new fellowships each year. The number of fellowships awarded will depend on the number of qualified applicants. Continuation of the award is contingent upon satisfactory progress towards the degree and the academic unit's on-going commitment to provide a graduate research assistantship.

Each McNair Fellow receives:

- A \$5,000 stipend supplement for 4 years.
- A full-tuition waiver (resident and non-resident) during the time of the fellowship.
- \$500 in travel or research support

Eligibility Criteria

To qualify an applicant must:

- Have successfully completed an undergraduate McNair program.
- have earned at least a 3.50 grade point average in the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework
- be accepted into a Ph.D. Graduate College program and be offered a graduate research assistantship

Application Process

All university application fees are waived for McNair Scholars. After acceptance has been processed, a refund will be issued for all application fees.

Applications for the McNair Fellowships are due in the Graduate College by April 1 each year. Applications must include:

1. a copy of all application materials submitted for admission into the academic program (include both University and departmental admission materials)
2. verification of completion of an undergraduate McNair program
3. verification of appointment to a graduate research assistantship
4. A letter of support from the chair of the accepting academic unit.

Selection Process

An ad hoc committee will review the application materials immediately following the April 1 deadline and recommend recipient(s) to the Graduate College dean. The fellowship will begin with the start of the student's graduate career.

2. McNAIR TUITION WAIVER

New McNair graduate students (M.S. or Ph.D.) are eligible to apply for partial tuition waivers. These waivers will be awarded annually to five new M.S. students and three new Ph.D. students at OUHSC. The waiver will be for six hours of resident tuition for the fall and spring semesters and three hours in the summer. M.S. students receive the waivers for two years and Ph.D. students receive the waivers for four years. These waivers are available to the first five M.S. and three Ph.D. students who apply by April 1 each year. Continuation of the award is contingent upon satisfactory progress and maintaining fulltime enrollment.

Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for the fellowship an applicant must:

- Have successfully completed an undergraduate McNair program.
- Have at least a 3.25 grade point average in the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework.
- Be accepted into a M.S. or Ph.D. Graduate College program.

Application Process

M.S. and Ph.D. students must apply to the Graduate College by April 1 each year.

Applications must include:

1. A copy of all application materials submitted for admission into the academic program (include both University and departmental admission materials)
2. Verification of completion of an undergraduate McNair program

Selection Process

All application materials will be reviewed immediately after receipt and qualified recipients notified. The awards are given on a first come first serve basis; therefore, early application is encouraged. Awards begin with the start of the student's graduate career.