

McNair Mentors and Faculty Research Mentors

McNair Mentor

Members of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County faculty and staff work closely with McNair Scholars as McNair Mentors and/or Faculty Research Mentors. Immediately upon entering the program, each McNair Scholar is paired with a faculty or staff member who has a graduate degree (from a discipline not necessarily related to the scholar's interest) and is knowledgeable in and can assist with navigating the graduate school preparation process. This person will serve as their McNair Mentor for the duration of their baccalaureate journey at UMBC.

Commitment:

- 1 hour per month, for the duration of the scholar's UMBC undergraduate career
- Serve as speaker or panelist for one UMBC McNair sponsored event per academic year (Quarterly Bootcamps, Annual McNair Research Conference, McNair Moments, McNair Monday workshops, etc.)

Faculty Research Mentor

Within the first year of participation, scholars are required to select their first Faculty Research Mentor. Faculty Research Mentors are from the fields in which McNair Scholars intend to pursue research projects and/or graduate study. Faculty Research Mentors guide McNair Scholars through the research process as the scholar prepares and completes an independent research project. The Faculty Research Mentor also introduces to the scholar the culture of their discipline. McNair Scholars may select a Faculty Research Mentor from those with whom they have studied or worked. Scholars may have multiple Faculty Research Mentors throughout their time as a McNair Scholar.

Commitment:

- 1 hour per week, for the duration of the development and completion of scholar's independent research project
- Serve as speaker or panelist for one UMBC McNair sponsored event per academic year (Quarterly Bootcamps, Annual McNair Research Conference, McNair Moments, McNair Monday workshops, etc.)

All Mentors must apply and be approved by the McNair Staff. Faculty & Staff members are encouraged to apply by first completing the [Faculty & Staff Supporters \(UMBC McNair Scholar\) Form](#).

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