About the Program
- A federal TRIO program.
- Funded by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Two-year adventure program involving research and scholarly activity.
- Prepares 27 (two cohorts) eligible undergraduate students for doctoral studies.

Learning opportunities and Research Activities
- Opportunities for research or other scholarly activities designed to prepare students with effective preparation for doctoral study.
- Summer internships.
- Seminars and other educational activities designed to prepare students for doctoral study.
- Tutoring.
- Academic counseling.
- Activities designed to assist students participating in the project in securing admission to and financial assistance for enrollment in graduate programs.

Regulations
- 2/3 students must be low-income individuals who are first-generation college students.
- Remaining persons may be from a group underrepresented in graduate education including:
  - African American
  - Latino-American
  - Alaska Natives
  - Native Hawaiians
  - Native American
  - Pacific Islander

Why do we need a McNair Program?
- Less than HS Diploma 7%
- HS Diploma 27%
- Master's 10%
- Associate 11%
- Some College 17%
- Bachelor's 25%

Eligibility
Requirements:
- UW-Eau Claire student,
- Potential and desire to pursue a graduate program leading to a research doctorate,
- Must be nominated by a UW-Eau Claire faculty or academic staff member (typically the instructor with whom one would pursue collaborative research),
- Minimum standing of rising sophomore with a GPA of 2.75 or greater,
- EITHER (a) a low-income AND first-generation student
  OR
  (b) a member of a group that is underrepresented by race/ethnicity among recipients of research doctorates,
- U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- Apply through BLogix.
Why Become a McNair Scholar?
- A two-year adventure-investment program with a lifelong impact.
- Curriculum-based learning community.
- Receive intense mentoring in a nurturing and supportive environment.
- Participate in four McNair Seminars.
- Undertake collaborative research with UW-Eau Claire faculty members.
- Participate in a paid Summer Research Institute between year 1 and 2.
- Present research findings in professional conferences.
- Publish scholarly articles.
- Receive assistance with graduate school selection and application.
- GRE preparation.
- Learn about financial aid, fellowships, grant opportunities.
- Graduate school application fee accommodations.

“Whether or not you reach your goals in life depends entirely on how well you prepare for them and how badly you want them.
You’re Eagles!
Stretch your wings and fly to the sky.”
-Ronald E. McNair, Ph.D.
1950-1986

- After graduation, keep in touch with McNair Program as progress through graduate school towards the goal of earning a doctoral degree.
- Ph.D.s enjoy a wide array of research based careers.
- Ph.D.s earn on average $1,500,000 more than baccalaureate degree holders.

Application Process
1. Nomination form (“faculty form” on website)
2. Prospective scholar form (“student form” on website)

Nomination form
- Go to www.uwec.edu/mcnair.
- Click on “application process” to the left.
- Click on “Faculty Form”.
- Log into the BPLogin system.
- Complete and press the “submit” button.
- You will immediately receive an automated e-mail.

Prospective Scholar Form
- Go to www.uwec.edu/mcnair.
- Click on “application process” to the left.
- Click on “Student Form”.
- Log into the BPLogin system.
- Complete parts A and B. Attach all necessary documents.
- Press the “submit” button.
- Receive automated e-mail with attachment entitled “eligibility”. Print this attachment.
- Fill out eligibility section in order to complete application.
- Get required signatures.
- Submit completed eligibility section to the McNair program office.