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## McNair Graduate Assistantship Program

The Ronald E. McNair Graduate Assistantship Program is designed to support *new and continuing* students who are seeking a Ph.D. *and were McNair scholars as undergraduates*. The McNair Assistantship is merit-based and offered on a competitive basis to students pursuing doctoral studies from all disciplines upon recommendation by the Graduate School's Financial Aid Advisory Committee.

### ELIGIBILITY

Domestic and International students are eligible for this assistantship. Candidates must be applying to a Ph.D. program and submit a Howard University Graduate School admission's application *prior* to the McNair graduate assistantship deadline. The minimum, cumulative GPA requirement is 3.2 from the candidate's current institution.

### AWARDS

Recipients of the Assistantship will receive full remission of tuition (not including student activity fees) and a stipend of \$20,000 for the fall and spring semesters.

Successful applicants will be offered the award for one year. Recipients should hold a baccalaureate or a master's degree and be accepted into a Ph.D. program in the Graduate school.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

Application must be submitted by the **Third Friday in January** of every academic year.

## TERMS

McNair graduate assistantship recipients are required to: **(1)** participate in a 15-hour per week supervised research assignment during each academic year; **(2)** maintain a GPA of 3.2 and above; **(3)** submit an outlined written approval by their advisors on required assignment for the academic year; **(4)** take part in the Graduate School's Annual Research Day; **(5)** participate in Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) and **(6) not** hold outside employment.

It is important to note that the Graduate School reserves the right to base annual renewal decisions on the evaluation and recommendation of the recipient's supervisor.

## APPLICATION

Applicants should submit a total of SIX (6) completed packages: ONE (1) original complete package and FIVE (5) copies of the completed package:

1 Original Completed McNair Graduate Assistantship Form ([Download Form](#)) and 5 copies

1 Official, sealed transcript from current or most recently attended institution and 5 copies

1 Five-page scholarly academic or research writing sample and 5 copies

1 Statement of research interest and 5 copies

3 letters of recommendation:

- 1 from the Undergraduate McNair Program Director and 5 copies
- 2 from faculty members at the current institution and 5 copies

**DO NOT INCLUDE MATERIALS THAT ARE NOT LISTED HERE, THEY WILL BE DISCARDED.**

In addition to the application package, top candidates will be asked to participate in an interview. Interviews may take place in person or via teleconference. Applications will be reviewed by the Financial Aid Advisory Committee and recommended to the Dean for approval. Upon the Dean's approval, applicants will be notified.

**Please keep in mind, if applications are incomplete for any reasons (i.e., not completely filled out, insufficient number of copies submitted, missing any required documents, etc.) they will not be reviewed by the financial aid advisory committee. Applicants will not be notified in this event.**

Please note if you have questions pertaining to the application, we encourage you to call the Office of Graduate Student Affairs at 202-806-4676.

## **SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO:**

The McNair Graduate Assistantship Review Committee  
c/o Office of Administration and Finance  
Howard University Graduate School  
Annex III Building, Room 200  
4th & College Streets, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20059

**Deadline:** Friday, January 18, 2019

**Funding Type:** Assistantships

**Related Degrees:** Ph.D.

**RONALD E. MCNAIR ASSISTANTSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Please print application and type information.

**I. PERSONAL DATA**

Name

[Last]

[First]

[Middle Initial]

Current Address

Day Phone

Email

Permanent Address

**II. ACADEMIC STATUS**

Provide Name of Undergraduate Institution:

Major

Cumulative GPA:

Major GPA:

Minor(s)

Expected or Graduation Date:

Faculty Advisor

Advisor's Contact Information  
Telephone Number:

Email Address:

If applicable, provide Master's Graduate Institution:

Department:

Research Interest:

Expected Graduation Date:

Degree:

Cumulative GPA:

Research Advisor

Advisor's Contact Information  
Telephone Number:

Email Address:

**III. HOWARD UNIVERSITY ADMISSION STATUS**

Indicate the Ph.D. department to which you are applying at Howard:

Name of the faculty member in the prospective Ph.D. program at Howard whose research specialization closely matches the candidate:

Name:

Research Specialization:

I have read and understand the description and eligibility criteria and would like to apply for the Howard University Ronald E. McNair Assistantship.

Signature:

Date:

Printed Name: