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## **Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program - NJIT**

The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program was established in honor of Dr. Ronald E. McNair. He earned a PhD in Laser Physics in 1976 and in 1978 became a part of NASA's astronaut program. In 1986 his life ended with the explosion of the Space Shuttle Challenger. His family pushed for the inception of this program in his honor to help others from disadvantaged backgrounds obtain a higher education. The goal of the program is to increase the number of U.S. doctoral level scientists, mathematicians, and engineers from diverse backgrounds in the 21st century that enter into the education field.

### **The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program includes:**

- Research and other scholarly activities with faculty mentors.
- Access to internships, seminars and other educational activities.
- Opportunities to attend and present research projects at professional meetings and conferences.
- Opportunities to co-publish in peer review and conference journals.
- Assistance with the graduate school application process & GRE preparation .
- Exposure to other PhD granting institutions.

### **To be eligible for the program, prospective participants must:**

- Be a citizen or have permanent residence in the U. S.
- Be a math, science, or engineering major.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2.
- Be an undergraduate junior or senior (with at least 3 semesters before graduation).
- Have filed a FAFSA.
- Be considered first generation and low income **or**
- Be considered underrepresented in your field of study at the graduate level.

For additional information or to apply please contact Ms. Zara Williams, the Assistant Director, using the contact information below.

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