

Academic Credit to McNair Scholars Program Participants

The McNair Scholars Program is a graduate school preparation program designed to encourage low income, first generation and underrepresented students to pursue and complete a Ph.D. Students in the program design and implement a research project in conjunction with a faculty mentor. The program provides students with assistance in research, GRE preparation, publication of their research, and in seminars that help them decide on, apply to and find funding for graduate programs.

The McNair Scholars Program has been funded at UW-Superior since 1999. The program is 100% grant funded through the U.S. Department of Education in 4 year grant cycles with the latest award received for the period of October 1, 2007-October 1, 2011. As part of the grant application process UW-Superior is required to outline its institutional commitments to the program.

In the latest grant competition the Chancellor committed to provide the McNair summer research interns with two credits, 490 independent study/research credit at no cost to the scholars (see attached letter of commitment from the Chancellor).

The McNair Scholars Program is seeking approval of a policy . This policy is that any McNair student that successfully completes the McNair Scholars Program summer research internship will receive 2 academic credits of 490 independent study/research or in some other form at the discretion of the mentors department.

Overview of the McNair Scholars Program/research component

December:

- Research Basics workshop with discussion of “Why Scholars Write/Characteristics of a good research paper”
- Overview of research proposal form.

January:

- Discussion of Human Subjects Research/IRB process (if applicable).

February:

- **Research Proposal due Feb. 15th.**
- Workshop by the head of the IRB on the process.

March:

- Workshop by Laura Jacobs on finding sources/RefWorks.

April:

- **Annotated Bibliography due April 4th**

May:

- **1st draft of paper due May 29**

June:

- **2nd draft of paper due June 19th**

July

- **3rd draft of paper due July 10th**
- **Final draft due July 31**

September/October

- Research is presented at the UWS McNair Scholars Poster Session

Spring

- Research is printed in *The McNair Scholars Journal of the University of Wisconsin - Superior*