FSU
GRADUATE SCHOOL

McNair Scholars Fellowship Application Guidelines 2027-2028

The McNair Scholars program is a federally-funded program that prepares first generation or underrepresented undergraduate students for doctoral studies.

1. **Number/Type of Awards:** Varies depending on funding availability.
2. **Eligibility:** For any newly-admitted domestic FSU Doctoral or Masters students who completed (or will complete before enrolling at Florida State University) the McNair Scholars program at a federally-recognized institution. **NOTE**: Newly admitted for purposes of this fellowship application shall mean entrance in the Fall or Summer semesters. Only applicants who enter in the Summer semester as part of a cohort will be considered eligible for the fellowship. If students start in the summer, funding will not commence until the Fall. Fellowships are non-transferable between academic programs. **NOTE: the self-nominee must be admitted to the academic program by April 1st.**
3. **Tenure/Terms of Award: Doctoral Students:** 4 consecutive years (Academic Year) from admit term (Fall and Spring; no summer funding); **Masters Students:** 2 consecutive (Academic Years) from admit term (Fall and Spring; no summer funding). No reapplication is necessary, but the student must remain in good academic standing (3.3 GPA per semester), **remain** in a funded (minimum) 0.25 FTE GA assistantship, and register for a minimum of 9 credit hours per semester. Fellows must participate in the Fellows Society each year and are expected to interact across disciplines whenever given the opportunity. **NOTE:** The Graduate School will not provide support to a Fellow beyond the semester in which they have met all of the requirements of graduation even if they have time remaining in their fellowship period.
4. **Award Amount: $10,000.** The Graduate School will provide a non-duty stipend of $10,000 each academic year ($5,000 in the Fall, $5,000 in the Spring).
5. **College/Departmental Commitment:** College/Department must commit to guaranteed funding for a graduate assistantship stipend and waiver of at least a .25 FTE for each year (dependent on maintaining good academic standing). ***An active and funded GA appointment is required to receive fellowship funding each term.**
6. **Employment:** Fellows will receive at least a .25 FTE departmental assistantship during the years listed above that may require them to assist in research, teaching, and/or professional duties.
7. **Tuition Waivers:** The Department will provide all tuition waivers for instate and out-of-state (if applicable)
8. **Health Insurance:** The fellow will receive the health insurance subsidy each year of the award in accordance with Graduate School and university policy.
9. **Other Fellowships:** This fellowship cannot be held with any other Graduate School fellowship. External fellowships will be considered on a case-by-case basis and it is the student's responsibility to notify the Graduate School before accepting any offer. Acceptance of additional awards will not extend or pause McNair funding. NSF GRFP may be held in conjunction with this fellowship; however, fellows can only receive McNair funding during NSF GRFP reserve years.
10. **Fellows Society:** Recipients must participate in the Fellows Society including serving on a committee.

NOTES: 1) All Graduate School Fellowships are subject to the availability of funding each year 2) This fellowship only covers graduate fundable courses and degree programs held on campus conducted at the Tallahassee, FL or Panama City, FL campuses

Fellowship Self-Nomination Instructions

The Graduate Schools' online nomination system will be utilized for this fellowship. The graduate application to the degree program will be used to make the fellowship award. Self-nominations do not guarantee funding for the fellowship.

Step 1) This fellowship will begin with the self-nomination by the student which **opens on November 1st**

https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0dHkheVzWx07MHi

Please complete the nomination form following the instructions in the form **by March 15th.**

Fellowship Selection Process

Step 2) The Graduate School will work with the academic units to seek an endorsement of the nomination. NOTE: the self-nominee must be admitted to the academic program by April 1st.

Step 3) The Graduate School will work with the academic units to seek an endorsement of the nomination.

Step 4) The Graduate School will make fellowship offers in early to mid-April.

If you have any questions, please contact the Graduate School at 850-644-3501 or gradschool@fsu.edu.

QR link to Self-Nomination Form