



The McNair Scholars Program, first funded in the fall 2003, is designed to assist its scholars in gaining admission to graduate programs leading to a doctoral degree. The program targets low-income and first-generation students and members of groups that are underrepresented in graduate education. The graduating cohort **average GPA was 3.8. 100% of graduating scholars were accepted into graduate programs and received full funding packages.** Our scholars received numerous prestigious awards including an **Order of Pegasus** award, **Ford Fellowship Honorable Mention**, **three National Science Foundation Fellowships**, a **University of Oxford - Florida Frost Scholarship**, and a **Goldwater Scholarship**. For more information contact aap@ucf.edu.

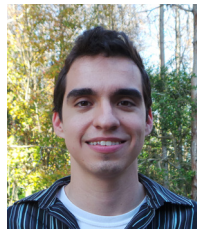
Graduating Scholars Spring 2018



Jennifer Carvel
Psychology
University of North Texas
Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology
UCF Mentor: Dr. Charles Negy



Sarah Davenport
Anthropology
Brown University
Doctoral Program in Anthropology
UCF Mentor: Dr. Joanna Mishtal
Prestigious Awards: Order of Pegasus & NSF GRFP



Kevin Negy
Computer Science
Cornell University
Doctoral Program in Computer Science
UCF Mentor: Dr. Avelino Gonzalez
Prestigious Award: Ford Foundation Honorable Mention



Thomas Rechtman
Mathematics
Vanderbilt University
Doctoral Program in Earth and Environmental Sciences
UCF Mentor: Dr. Ram Mohapatra



Cassandra Sarria
Biology
University of Indiana at Bloomington
Doctoral Program in Cognitive Science & Psychology/Brain Sciences
UCF Mentor: Dr. Anna Savage



Joey Velez-Ginorio
Computer Engineering
MSc in Mathematics and Foundations of Computer Science - University of Oxford
Ph.D. in Brain & Cognitive Science at Massachusetts Institute of Technology
UCF Mentor: Dr. Guo-Jun Qi
Prestigious Awards: Goldwater, NSF GRFP & Oxford-Frost Scholarship

Summer Program Placements 2018



Andres Acosta
Psychology
McNair Summer Research Institute (MSRI)
University of Central Florida
UCF Mentor: Dr. Steve Jex



Juan Arias
Chemistry
Amgen Scholar Program
University of California Berkeley
UCF Mentor: Dr. Karin Chumbimuni-Torres



Lianne Brito
Civil Engineering
NSF REU: Sustainability of Civil Infrastructure
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
UCF Mentor: Dr. Kevin Mackie



Stephanie Castelin
Psychology
McNair Summer Research Institute (MSRI)
University of Central Florida



Desiree Dominguez
Computer Engineering
McNair Summer Research Institute (MSRI)
University of Central Florida
UCF Mentor: Dr. Joseph Kinder



Nathalie Fernandez
Computer Science
NSF REU: Center for Brains, Minds, and Machines
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
UCF Mentor: Dr. Guo-Jun Qi



Gillian Gomer
Physics
McNair Summer Research Institute (MSRI)
University of Central Florida
UCF Mentor: Dr. Adrienne Dove



Chanelle Hunter
Biomedical Sciences
 Leadership Alliance Summer Research
 Early Identification Program (SR-EIP)
 Vanderbilt University
 UCF Mentor: Dr. Alicia Hawthorne



Luis Hurtado
Electrical Engineering
 MIT Summer Research Program (MSRP)
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 UCF Mentor: Dr. Yeonwoong Jung



Jessica Jowais
Biology
 Summer Undergraduate Research
 Fellowship (SURF)
 University of Central Florida
 UCF Mentor: Dr. Patrick Bohlen



Sire Kassama
Biology
 Applied Plant Systems (APS)
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln
 UCF Mentor: Dr. Anna Savage



Isaiah Morales
Digital Media
 McNair Summer Research Institute (MSRI)
 University of Central Florida



Antonett Nunez-Delprado
Physics
 NSF-REU: Cornell Laboratory for Accelerator-
 based Sciences and Education (CLASSE)
 Cornell University
 UCF Mentor: Dr. Eduardo Mucciolo



Daniela Ojeda
Mechanical Engineering
 NSF International Research Experience for
 Students (IRES) Germany Collaboration Advance
 Research and Education Materials for Extreme
 Environments
 German Aerospace Center (DLR) and UCF
 UCF Mentor: Dr. Ali Gordon



Sharon Park
Mechanical Engineering
 McNair Summer Research Institute (MSRI)
 University of Central Florida
 UCF Mentor: Dr. Yongho Sohn



Sarah Parker
Sociology
 Leadership Alliance Summer Research
 Early Identification Program (SR-EIP)
 Brown University
 UCF Mentor: Dr. Amy Donley



Giselle Pombar
Chemistry
 Summer Undergraduate Research Program
 for Diversity in Chemistry
 Princeton University
 UCF Mentor: Dr. Fernando Uribe-Romo



Tristan Reynoso
Mathematics
 NSF REU: Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority
 Participation Research Experience for
 Undergraduates Program (LSAMP)
 Cornell University
 UCF Mentor: Dr. Bhimsen Shivamoggi



Vanessa Rijo
Sociology
 McNair Summer Research Institute (MSRI)
 University of Central Florida
 UCF Mentor: Dr. Michael Armato



Victor Rodriguez
Mechanical Engineering
 Washington Internship for Students of
 Engineering (WISE)
 Washington D.C.
 UCF Mentor: Dr. Tania Roy



Yves Valentine
Psychology
 Psychology Research Experience Program
 (PREP) University of Wisconsin - Madison
 UCF Mentor: Dr. Valerie Sims



George Walters-Marrah
Biotechnology & Biomedical Sciences
 Leadership Alliance Summer Research
 Early Identification Program (SR-EIP)
 University of Pennsylvania
 UCF Mentor: Dr. Kyle Rohde
 Prestigious Award: Goldwater Scholarship



Ali Younis
Chemistry
 Summer Research Opportunities
 Program (SROP)
 Michigan State University
 UCF Mentor: Dr. Karin Chumbimuni-Torres

Pre-McNair Summer Placements

Julissa Burgos
Biomedical Sciences
 Summer Research
 Opportunities Program (SROP)
 University of Iowa

Stephanie Macassi
Biotechnology
 Summer Undergraduate
 Research Fellowship (SURF)
 University of Central Florida

Stefani Hammond
Anthropology
 Summer Undergraduate
 Research Fellowship (SURF)
 University of Central Florida

Bolivar Perez
Civil Engineering
 Summer Research Opportunity
 Program (SROP)
 University of Michigan

