



The UCF McNair Scholars Program, first funded in fall 2003, is designed to assist its participants 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. McNair is funded by the U.S. Department of Education through its Office of Federal TRiO Programs. McNair has served over 200 students since 2003.

Who are the UCF McNair Scholars?

200+

Participants
Since 2003

75%

First-Generation
College Students

40%

Transfer
Students

77%

Low
Income

87%

Underrepresented
in graduate education

Program Outcomes

100% Completed bachelor's degrees

46% Currently enrolled or completed masters degrees

41% Currently enrolled or completed PhD programs

5% Currently enrolled or completed professional doctorates

Prestigious Awards

26

NSF GRFP
Recipients

3

Goldwater
Scholars

1

Pickering
Scholar

3

Frost/Oxford
Scholars

12

Order of
Pegasus

2

Rangel
Fellows

2

Gilman
Scholars

2

Gubernatorial
Fellows

1

Udall
Fellow

2

Ford
Fellows

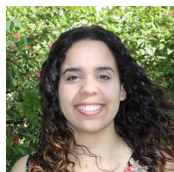
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Astronaut
Scholar



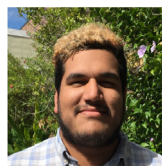


Graduating Scholars



Julissa Burgos

Biomedical Sciences
Vanderbilt University
Ph.D. in Biomedical and Biological
Sciences



Gustavo Camero

Computer Engineering
Carnegie Mellon University
Ph.D. in Computer Engineering



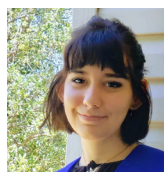
Stephanie Castelin

Psychology
University of Cincinnati
Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology



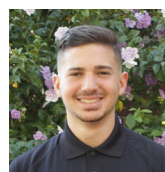
Carla Garcia

Political Science & Economics
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Ph.D. in Political Science
NSF GRFP Recipient | Rangel Scholar



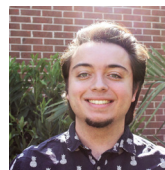
Stefani Hammond

Anthropology
Johns Hopkins University
Ph.D. in Functional Anatomy and Evolution



Luis Hurtado

Electrical Engineering
Carnegie Mellon University
Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering
GEM Fellowship Recipient



Isaiah Morales

Digital Media
University of Washington
Masters in Human-Computer Interaction &
Design



Darwins Olcima

Psychology
Bowling Green State University
Masters in College Student Personnel



Bolivar Perez

Civil Engineering
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Masters in Civil and Environmental
Engineering



Bianca Pizarro Vazquez

Sociology
The University of Texas at Austin
Masters in Community and Regional Planning



George Walters-Marrah

Molecular Microbiology
Stanford University
Ph.D. Program in Biophysics
NSF GRFP Recipient | Goldwater Scholar

Summer Placements

Daniela Gonzalez

Psychology
Cornell University

Jean Jerome

Computer Science
United States Naval Research Lab

Belinda Joseph

Mechanical Engineering
Vanderbilt University

Priscilla Louis

Biomedical Science & Psychology
Brown University

Stephanie Schreiner

Biotechnology
University of Pennsylvania

Idel Martinez

Computer Science
Northwestern University

Bryan Medina

Computer Science and Mathematics
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Sandra Montenegro

Psychology
University of Pennsylvania

Samuel Naranjo Rincon

Psychology
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Ashley Santana

Biomedical Sciences & Biotechnology
Stanford University
Goldwater Scholar

Yamina Sfiat

Criminal Justice and Political Science
Northwestern University

Tiffany Sidders

English
Vanderbilt University

Alan Trudeau

Chemistry
Rutgers University

Natalie Verdiguél

Psychology
Cornell University

UCF Research Experience

Camila Acevedo

Computer Science

Oluwagbotemi Akinsoji

Chemistry

Marina Collier

English Literature

Kevin Galeano

Computer Science

Gillian Gomer

Biology

Kelsey Perez

Civil Engineering