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Subpart A—General

§ 647.1 What is the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program?

The Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program—referred to in these regulations as the McNair program—awards grants to institutions of higher education for projects designed to provide disadvantaged college students with effective preparation for doctoral study.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-15)

§ 647.2 Who is eligible for a grant?

Institutions of higher education and combinations of those institutions are eligible for grants to carry out McNair projects.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-11, 1070a-15, 1088, and 1141(a) and 1144a)

§ 647.3 Who is eligible to participate in a McNair project?

A student is eligible to participate in a McNair project if the student meets all the following requirements:

- (a)(1) Is a citizen or national of the United States; or
 - (2) Is a permanent resident of the United States; or
 - (3) Is in the United States for other than a temporary purpose and provides evidence from the Immigration and Naturalization Service of his or her intent to become a permanent resident; or
 - (4) Is a permanent resident of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; or
 - (5) Is a resident of one of the Freely Associated States.
- (b) Is currently enrolled in a degree program at an institution of higher education that participates in the student financial assistance programs authorized under Title IV of the HEA.
 - (c) Is—
 - (1) A low-income individual who is a first-generation college student;
 - (2) A member of a group that is underrepresented in graduate education; or

(3) A member of a group that is not listed in § 647.7 if the group is underrepresented in certain academic disciplines as documented by standard statistical references or other national survey data submitted to and accepted by the Secretary on a case-by-case basis.

(d) Has not enrolled in doctoral level study at an institution of higher education.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-15)

§ 647.4 What activities and services may a project provide?

A McNair project may provide the following services and activities:

- (a) Opportunities for research or other scholarly activities at the grantee institution or at graduate centers that are designed to provide participants with effective preparation for doctoral study.
- (b) Summer internships.
- (c) Seminars and other educational activities designed to prepare participants for doctoral study.
- (d) Tutoring.
- (e) Academic counseling.
- (f) Assistance to participants in securing admission to and financial assistance for enrollment in graduate programs.
- (g) Mentoring programs involving faculty members or students at institutions of higher education, or any combination of faculty members and students.
- (h) Exposure to cultural events and academic programs not usually available to project participants.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-15)

§ 647.5 How long is a project period?

- (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, a project period under the McNair program is four years.
- (b) The Secretary approves a project period of five years for applications that score in the highest ten percent of all applications approved for new grants under the criteria in § 647.21.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-11)

§ 647.6 What regulations apply?

The following regulations apply to the McNair program: