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 160 students since 2003. Currently 87% of the scholars are enrolled or have graduated from a graduate or professional school. For more information go to www.aap.ucf.edu/mcnair.

**Graduating Scholars 2016-2017**

AAP is proud of the achievements of the 2016-2017 McNair Cohort. 85% of the graduating scholars were the first in their family to complete college and 46% of them attended a state college before transferring to UCF. The cohort’s average GPA was 3.6. All of the scholars presented their research at external conferences and three of the scholars published their research in peer reviewed journals or conference proceedings. 100% of scholars accepted into graduate school received full funding. Two scholars received prestigious awards, the National Science Foundation Fellowship and the University of Oxford - Florida Frost Scholarship.

**Alumni Scholars Entering Graduate School**

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**Graduate School and Summer Research Program Placements**

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Scholars Summer Program Placements

Lianne Britto
Civil Engineering
McNair Summer Research Institute
University of Central Florida
UCF Mentor: Dr. Kevin Mackie

Jennifer Carvel
Psychology
Summer Training Academy for Research Success (STARS) Program
University of California San Diego
UCF Mentor: Dr. Charles Negy

Sarah Davenport
Anthropology
Summer Training Academy for Research Success (STARS) Program
University of California San Diego
UCF Mentor: Dr. Joanna Mishtal

Chanelle Hunter
Biology
Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF)
University of California Irvine
UCF Mentor: Dr. Seth Elsheimer

Kevin Negy
Computer Engineering
Summer Undergraduate Program in Engineering Research (SUPERB)
University of California Berkeley
UCF Mentor: Dr. Avelino Gonzalez

Antonett Nunez-Delprado
Physics
Undergraduate Research in Physics and Astronomy (REU)
University of California Los Angeles
UCF Mentor: Dr. Ali Gordon

Gisselle Pombar
Chemistry
Summer Undergraduate Research Program for Diversity in Chemistry
Princeton University
UCF Mentor: Dr. Yu Yuan

Thomas Rechtman
Mathematics
Leadership Alliance Summer Research - Early Identification Program (SR-EIP)
Vanderbilt University
UCF Mentor: Dr. Ram Mohapatra

Tristan Reynoso
Mathematics
Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF)
University of California Irvine
UCF Mentor: Dr. Bhimsen Shivamoggi

Cassandra Sarria
Biology
Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP)
Michigan State University
UCF Mentor: Dr. Anna Savage

Joey Velez-Ginorio
Computer Engineering
NSF REU: Center for Brains, Minds, and Machines
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
UCF Mentor: Dr. Georgios Anagnostopoulos and Dr. Guo-Jun Qi
Prestigious Award: Goldwater Scholarship

Pre-McNair Summer Program Placements

Samuel Deane
Mechanical Engineering
Summer Undergraduate Research in Engineering/Sciences (S.U.R.E.)
Georgia Institute of Technology
UCF Mentor: Dr. Ali Gordon

Desiree Dominguez
Computer Engineering
Summer Undergraduate Research in Engineering/Sciences (S.U.R.E.)
Georgia Institute of Technology
UCF Mentor: Dr. Joseph Kinder

Nathalie Fernandez
Computer Engineering
NSF REU: Center for Brains, Minds, and Machines
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
UCF Mentor: Dr. Ali Gordon

Daniela Ojeda
Mechanical Engineering
Consortium for Innovation in Manufacturing and Materials (CIMM)
Louisiana State University
UCF Mentor: Dr. Ram Mohapatra

Victor Rodriguez
Mechanical Engineering
NSF REU: Nanotechnology for Health, Energy and the Environment
Stony Book University
UCF Mentor:

George Walters-Marrah
Biotechnology
NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates in Molecular Genetics and Cell Biology (MGCB-REU)
University of Chicago
UCF Mentor: Dr. Kyle Rohde