

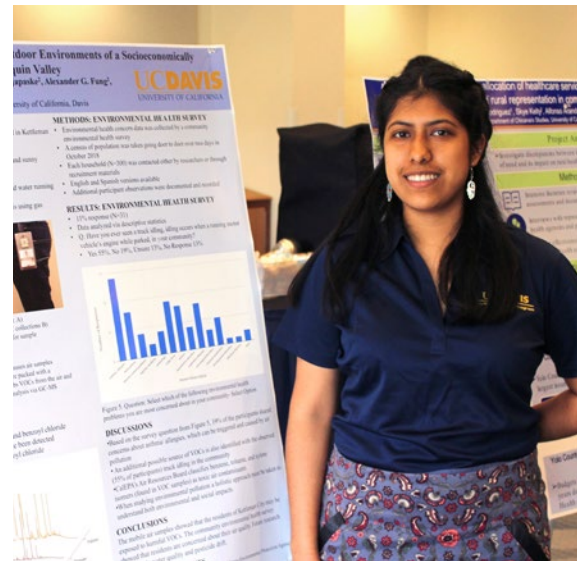
McNair Scholars Program

CHANGING THE WORLD, ONE DEGREE AT A TIME

With a foundation of robust mentorship, academic support and research opportunities, talented undergraduates can go as far as their dreams carry them.

Alfonso Aranda's parents taught him to prioritize education and support his community, values that shaped his path and inspired him to pursue a graduate degree. As a college student in the McNair Scholars Program, Aranda discovered interests in epidemiology and environmental justice—and gained the tools he needed to succeed in graduate school.

Now a geography Ph.D. student, Aranda co-leads the Knights Landing Environmental Health Project, a community-based project in the Sacramento Valley that addresses undocumented agricultural workers' longstanding concerns about cancer risks. By training community members to collect environmental samples and record health data, the Knights Landing project is raising public awareness of the environmental exposure and risks workers face as they sustain California's farm economy.



The Vision

The McNair Scholars program prepares undergraduates to pursue research and earn doctoral degrees. Named in honor of Ronald E. McNair, a mission specialist on the Space Shuttle Challenger, the federally funded program encourages students from groups often underrepresented in graduate study to pursue doctoral degrees.

But launching the research and academic careers of qualified undergraduate candidates requires more support than the federal government currently provides. Philanthropic support is vital to catalyzing the potential of promising undergraduate scholars and cultivating more inclusive, diverse graduate school environments.



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Philanthropic Opportunities

We invite you to join us in supporting accomplished undergraduates in their goals of achieving a Ph.D. by:

- Enhancing professional development, mentorship and career preparation opportunities, enabling the McNair Scholars program to expand in response to industry needs
- Increasing scholar stipends to give McNair Scholars the flexibility to focus on research or pursue professional development opportunities
- Funding university visits and academic support resources that are key to McNair Scholars' graduate school preparation
- Establishing flexible funding to help students weather unforeseen challenges while staying on track in their programs

An Invitation

Your support makes a critical difference in our mission to broaden the paths to academic and career success for every graduate student. We invite you to invest in the next generation of McNair Scholars. Together, we will cultivate visionary leaders who are poised to make discoveries that shape a better world for all.

