



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
GRADUATE COLLEGE

Undergraduate Research  
Opportunities Consortium



McNair  
@UA

Fall 2024

We're on a mission to transform academia. A federally-funded TRiO program, we empower visionary First Generation, Low-income (FGLI) and Underrepresented students to thrive in graduate school through *transformative mentorship* and *rigorous academic support*. McNair is housed in the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Consortium (UROC).

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*McNair Scholars...*



*leverage their  
unique lenses  
to create a  
more just  
academia*



*conduct cutting-  
edge,  
interdisciplinary  
research*



*matriculate into  
top graduate  
programs*



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“The community is so supportive in McNair. I've never felt alone in the challenges I have faced in my research or as a Scholar....Being able to learn about research in other fields of study is eye-opening and I like the discussion it creates as people from different backgrounds see research from different lenses.”

Aaliyah, '25

*Biomedical & Mechanical Engineering*



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Undergraduate  
Timeline  
**Two years**

**Additional  
Perks**

Prestigious  
national program

10 units of credit

\$5,000 first  
summer stipend

Fee waivers for  
grad school apps

Presentation at a  
national  
conference



**Sophomore Year**

**Envision:** Application,  
Decision, Research Design  
Course (Spring Semester)



**First Summer**

**UROC Research Experience  
at U of A**



**Junior Year**

**Practice:** Dive deep into  
graduate school research  
and preparation.



**Second Summer**

**Research Experience  
Elsewhere**



**Senior Year**

**Launch:** Graduate  
Preparation Course,  
application, acceptances



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“During my time in McNair, I found out how important support from the teaching team and my classmates is for my success. I had never felt such a welcoming and safe community before. I was able to learn, apply what I've learned, and ask any questions with confidence because of this support.”

Melissa, '25

*Neuroscience and Cognitive Science*

## Eligibility

- Full-time U of A (Main Campus) student
- U.S. citizen, permanent legal resident, or has demonstrated their intention to become a permanent resident of the U.S.
- Junior standing by end of upcoming spring semester with a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Strong desire to pursue a doctoral degree
- First generation college student who meets federal low-income guidelines (FGLI) and/or underrepresented in graduate education



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“Being a Scholar taught me:



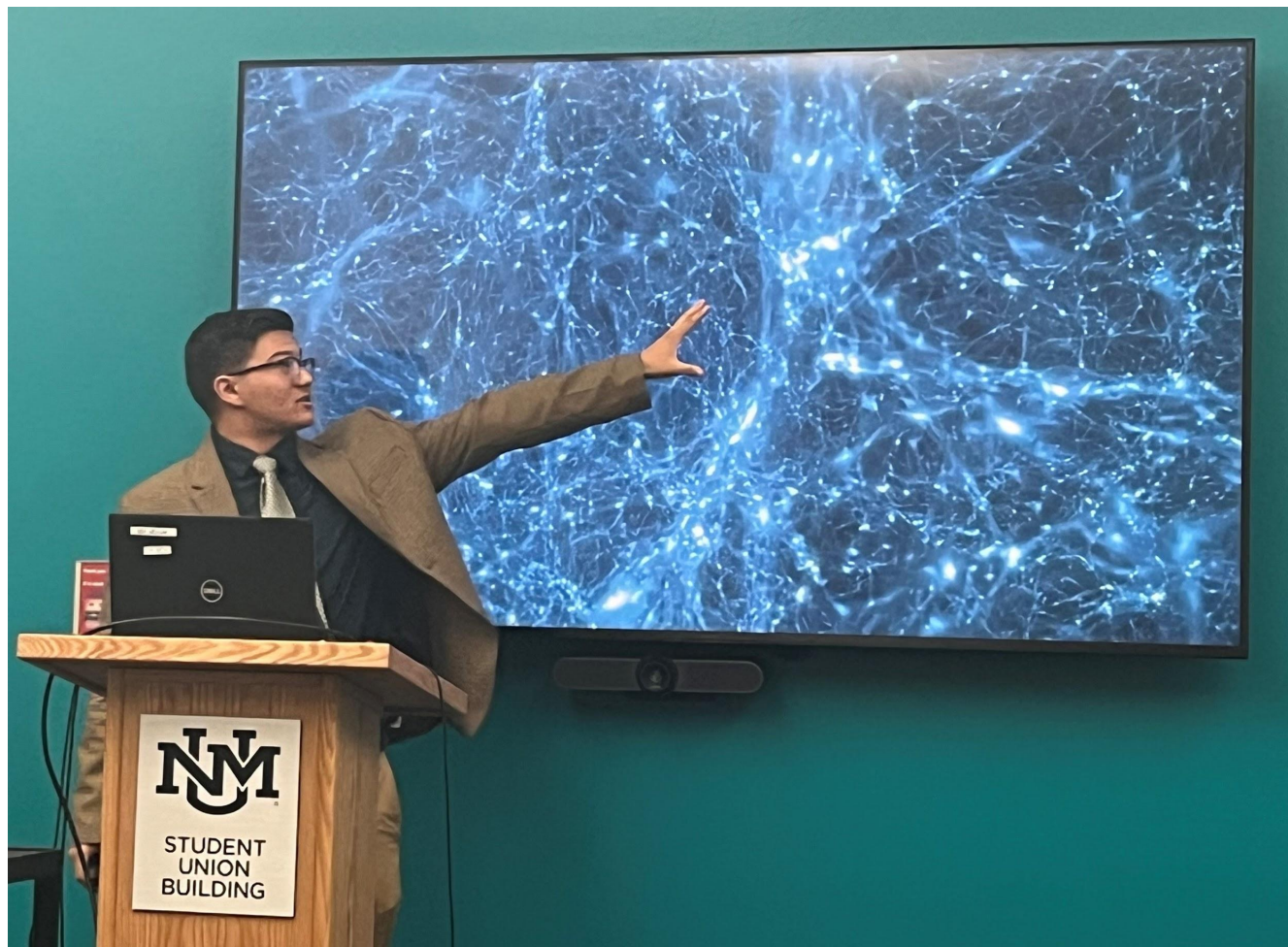
1. That research isn't linear, there are many paths that you can get lost in when researching and that's okay.
2. Numbers and data are not all what counts as 'valid' research, sometimes you don't need it to answer your research questions.
3. It may seem that there are many people who look for the weak points in your work, focus on what you are doing right rather than what you may be doing "wrong."
4. Good research comes from a part of you; an interest, book, class, hobby, passion, family member or friend; they inspired you to do this research. Remember that when it starts to get hard.
5. Research and being able to say 'My research is...' is way too sexy to say aloud and you're gonna love saying it."



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Jessey, '25  
*Creative Writing*



*Julio is an Astronomy and Physics Major, McNair Scholar, and NASA Intern. Here, he is presenting his research at the University of New Mexico's McNair Research Conference.*

Applications are  
due November 1!



Questions? Let's chat!

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