MU McNair Grant Renewed!

On October 1, 2012, the MU McNair Scholars Program grant was renewed by the U. S. Department of Education allowing us to serve 28 students per year until September 2017.

The past few budget battles have placed TRiO programs, which McNair is a part of, on the chopping block. During the “Fiscal Cliff” negotiations in March 2011, TRiO programs were looking at an 8% reduction in funding. This crises was averted but another one, “Sequestration”, was right around the corner. During Sequestration, which went into effect March 2013, TRiO Programs were cut by 5.2%.

In all, Congress has one budget line item for all eight of the federal TRiO programs. The Department of Education is able to allocate where exactly that funding is spent amongst the programs. During this renewal the department opted to remove $10 million dollars from the McNair Scholars Programs and use it to offset cuts to other TRiO programs. This resulted in only 158 McNair Programs being funded, down from 200 funded programs during the last grant period. Now almost 1,000 fewer students are being served by McNair nationwide.

So what can previous McNair Scholars do?
- Tell your congressman about the importance of funding TRiO programs.
- Talk to your congressmen about the effectiveness of McNair and TRiO programs.
- Let people know you are a McNair Scholar by placing it on your curriculum vitae.
- Participate in our annual follow-up surveys.
- Consider joining the National Trio Alumni Association: http://www.trioalumni.us.
- Get your doctoral degree.
On June 10, 2013 after more than 10 years in Clark Hall, the McNair Scholars Program office has moved to **10 Arts & Science Building**.

Located in half of the former computer lab, our newly remodeled office suite gives us ample room to serve students. Students are able to use our scholar resource area as well as a lounge where scholars can study, watch makeup workshops or just relax.

While we no longer have a large conference room for our workshops, we’re right next door to the MU Student Center (formerly Brady Commons) and will host many events in this recently constructed building.

Arts & Science Building is just north of the MU Student Center. We’re located in the south end of the building.

**McNair Office Timeline**

- **1989**: Housed with Learning Center in Arts & Sciences Building as one of the founding 14 McNair Scholars Programs
- **1994**: Joined Graduate School. Offices moved to 210 Jesse Hall
- **1996**: Moved to 431 Lewis Hall
- **1998**: Moved to 536 Clark Hall
- **June 2013**: Moved to 10 Arts & Sciences Building

Our new office layout provides more open space for greater interaction.
Where Are They Now?

For more on updates on past MU McNair Scholars, including over 115 doctoral degree holders, please visit: http://mcnair.missouri.edu/wherearethey.php

1989 - 1990
Heidi (Davis) Waldo received her Master’s in Health Administration from Missouri State in Dec. 2011. Associate Professor of Biology, Dr. Robert Villa, directs the Honors Program at Lynn University.

1990 - 1991
Dr. Michael Barnett is a Professor in the Management and Global Business Department and Vice Dean for Academic Programs at Rutgers Business School.

Dr. Candace Korasick is an Adjunct Professor for the University of Missouri and Stephens College.

1992 1993
Chanel Watkins is starting a PhD program in Rural Sociology at MU this fall.

1993- 1994
Ralph Groom is pursuing his Master’s in Social Work from St. Louis University last August.

1994-1995
Dr. Mary Clark is the Director of Academic Advising at Houstonic Community College.

Michelle (Newhart) Walker continues to pursue her PhD in Sociology at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Dr. Susan (Dixon) Renoe is the Director of the Broader Impacts Network here at MU and instructs MU McNair Scholars in the Preparing to be a T.A. class.

After receiving her PhD in Psychology last summer, Dr. Susan Eckerle Curwood is now the Manager at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Waterloo, Ontario.

1996-1997
Amy Dill looks to complete her PhD in Classics/Archaeology at Florida State soon.

Dr. Rick Hendrix received his PhD in Petroleum Engineering this past May from the University of Missouri Science & Technology.

1998-1999
Terry McClure earned his MA in Risk, Health and Public Policy from Durham University and now works for the City of Boston as an Emergency Management Analyst.

Also in Boston, Ebony Reed is an Assistant Bureau Chief for the Associated Press.

Shani Settles expects her PhD in Women’s Studies from Emory University soon.

1999-2000
Dr. Khadar Abdi is a Post-doctoral Researcher at Duke University in Cell Biology.

Timika Edwards expects her PhD in Counseling Psychology from the University of Georgia soon.

Dr. Joseph Kay is a mechanical engineer for ThinGap in Ventura, California.

2001-2002
Thierra Nalley continues to pursue her PhD in Paleonthropology at Arizona State University.

Paul Ladipo is the Academic Services Coordinator with the McNair Program at the University of Kansas, where he also received his Master’s of Education.

Adam Wiewel continues to pursue his PhD in Anthropology at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

2003-2004
Dr. Crystal Buckner works for the Food and Drug Administration in Maryland.

2004-2005
After getting his MA in Latin America Studies and Spanish at University of Wisconsin Madison, Christopher Chable is now pursuing his MFA in Creative Writing at the University of Missouri - St. Louis.

Venita Cooper is now a Special Assistant to the Commissioner at the Tennessee Department of Education.

Dr. Jenny Flatt is a 4-H Youth Specialist for the East Central region of Missouri.

Jamaal Glenn obtained his MBA from Stanford University this past June and is now off to Harvard to pursue his MPA.

Neville Miller is a Meteorologist with KMIZ in Columbia.

Charles Smarr continues to pursue his PhD in Immunology at Northwestern University.

A new dad, Scott Winton is prepar-
ing for his next assignment with the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C.

Carmen Washington is a Research Program Manager for the Institute of Global Tobacco Control at Johns Hopkins University.

2005–2006

Amber McCadney is entering her third year of a PhD program in Counseling Psychology at Pennsylvania State University.

Dan Hannken is the director of a Columbia area prisoner rehabilitation center.

Dustin Langewisch continues in a Nuclear Engineering PhD program at MIT.

Stephanie (Raney) Wisdom got her Master’s in Animal Science from Purdue last year and is now the Director of Post-weaning Operations at Illini Farms.

Amber Wiewel is a Research Assistant for the Northeast Amphibian Research Initiative with the US Geological Survey.

2006–2007

Ashley Acevedo is pursuing her PhD in Biochemistry/Molecular Biology at University of California - San Francisco.

Dr. Marcus Adair is performing his residency in general surgery at the University of Toledo.

Bridgette Adams obtained her Master of Economics from Claremont Graduate University last year and now is a Business Administrator with GLOVIS in California.

Amber Bell continues to pursue her PhD in Social Work at the University of Alabama.

Last Summer, Michelle Capentier received her Juris Doctorate from Northwestern University and is now a Law Clerk in New York City.

Here at MU, Sam Grinter is pursuing his PhD in Informatics.

Dr. Atim Enyenihi is a postdoc researching cancer cells at the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm.

Dr. Stanley Ikpe received his PhD in Electrical Engineering this May from MU.

Tracy Johnson is entering her third year of law school here at Mizzou.

Sara (Mijares) St. John is entering her fourth year of her PhD program in Community and Clinical Psychology at the University of South Carolina.

Njabulo “Jay” Ngwenyama is at Case Western Medical School in Cleveland, Ohio.

Katherine Speichinger is a research specialist for the School of Medicine here at MU.

2007–2008

Here at MU, David Aguayo is in a Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis PhD Program.

Valeska Araujo is a Petroleum Economic Advisor in Houston, Texas.

Danielle Graef is entering the third year of her PhD program in Pediatric Psychology at the University of Florida.

Lindsey Lanfersieck passed her defense and is now ABD for her doctoral degree in English from Indiana University.

Miriam Galenas continues to pursue her PhD in Geological Sciences at the University of Maryland-College Park.

Kamara Jones is a press secretary for a US Congressman.

In Detroit, A. Olga Mafotsing Fapoussi is a Regional Epidemiologist for the US Center for Disease Control.

Renae Mayes will be defending her dissertation in Counseling Education later this summer at The Ohio State University.

Brittany Smotherson is in South Korea teaching English.

2008–2009

After getting her masters in counseling psychology last year, Sarah Brandt obtained her Educational Specialist degree this May from MU.

Last December, Phuong “Rylee” Do obtained her Master’s in Biology.

In Pennsylvania, Carolina Ebeid works for the Stadler Center for Poetry.

This May, Paul Ferguson obtained his Master of Construction Management from Washington University.

Chirstopher Kirendall continues his pursuit of a PhD in Computer Engineering here at Mizzou.

Bryant Harris is a Computer and Electrical Engineer at Statcom Technologies.

Alyssa Hollins is pursuing a Master’s in Urban Studies at Fordham University.

This spring, Janine Ingram completed her Master’s in Speech Pathology here at MU.
Last December, Lexie Toloan Ly obtained her Master's in Biology and is now in a graduate program at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

After getting her Masters in Counseling Psychology last year, Ashley McDonald obtained her Educational Specialist degree this May from MU.

Stephanie Morris has completed her third year of her PhD program in Plant Biology at Iowa State.

After obtaining her Masters of Public Health last year, Ashley Price is now pursuing a PhD in Public Affairs here at MU.

NSF GRFP awardee, Aaron Rosen gren continues his PhD program in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Colorado - Boulder.

Jennifer Stetler continues her PhD program in Biochemistry here at MU.

An NSF GRFP awardee, Catera Wilder continues her PhD program in Biomedical Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

2009-2010

Lorien Hayden has completed her first year of a PhD program in physics at Cornell University.

Kelli King is a recruiter and coordinator for healthcare staffing company.

Blossom Nwaneri is pursuing her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from New York University.

Dakota Raynes was awarded a Masters in Sociology at the New Mexico State University at Las Cruces and is entering a doctoral program at Oklahoma State University this fall.

Ryan Torack has completed his third year of his PhD in Sociology at the University of Pittsburgh.

Ashley Shaw received her Master of Public Health from MU this past May and is entering a doctoral program in Nursing here at MU this fall.

Diliana Stoimenova obtained her Master’s of Integrative Physiology at the University of Colorado Boulder this past May.

Solida (Wise) Kolasinac is in a Sociology Master’s program at Oklahoma State University.

2010-2011

In Kansas City, Joshua Brinkley is a Children’s Service Worker for the State of Missouri.

Marcone Cangussu has transferred to Austin, Texas to continue his work for the Department of Defense.

William “Joe” Cochran obtained his Master’s in Geology from MU this May and is off to Virginia Tech to pursue his PhD.

Shane Hoffman obtained his Master’s in Mass Communication from Oklahoma State University this May.

After getting his Master of Music this fall from Mizzou, DJ Jordan is now an adjunct professor at Central Methodist University.

Here at MU, Calvin Lewis is pursuing an MD and PhD in Chemistry.

This May, Brittany Long obtained her Master’s in Socio-cultural Anthropology at Brandeis University in Boston, MA.

At the University of Iowa, Long Pei completed his Master’s in Actuarial Science this May and will pursue a Master’s in Statistics at the same institution.

Shannon Schipper is entering her third year of a doctoral program in Gender Studies at Arizona State University.

Anoff “Nick” Cobblah is a PhD student in Literature at the University of Michigan.

Nicole Hams is in a Biochemistry graduate program at Oregon State University.

NSF GRFP recipient Michael McCoy III is entering his second year of his PhD program in Biological Engineering at Cornell University.

Braydon Medlin is an Associate Search Analyst with InTouch Solutions in Overland Park, Kansas.

Fiona Odu is a Laboratory Temp worker in Kansas City.

Jerry Steward completed his Bachelor’s in Biology and is entering a post-baccalaureate prep program here at MU.

Michelle Tang received full funding to pursue her PhD in Plant Biology at the University of California, Davis next year.

Cameron Williams is entering his second year of a graduate program in Sociology at Loyola University.

See Yang is in a Master’s program in Agricultural Economics here at MU.

Si Yol Yi is a graduate student at Johns Hopkins University in Environmental Engineering.
2011-2012

Brittany Bennett has accepted a position at Edward Jones in St. Louis, MO as part of their Rotational Development Program.

Darnell Cage will be pursuing a law degree part-time at St. Louis University this fall and will be a Structural Engineer for Boeing in St. Louis.

Tim Cunningham entered a fully-funded Master's in Business Administration program here at Mizzou.

Gerald Mitchell is entering his second year of a PhD program in Sociology and Personality Psychology here at MU.

Akia Parks will attend Georgia Tech and Emory where she will pursue a PhD in biomedical engineering.

Bethany Henry is in the second year of a Master's in History program at the University of Arkansas.

Damir Kolasinac is entering his second year of a Master's in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at Oklahoma State University.

Jeneé Duncan is entering her second year of her Master's in Human Development and Family Studies degree at the University of Georgia.

Marc Canellas just received an NSF Fellowship to continue his Aerospace Engineering PhD program at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

2012-2013 Graduating Seniors

Antoine Culbreath will be attending Ball State University where he will pursue a Master's in Applied Behaviors Analysis with an emphasis in Autism.

Megan Dowdle was awarded a Biotechnology Training Program traineeship and will pursue her PhD in Biochemistry at the University of Wisconsin - Madison.

Stacey Frasher received the Ridgel Fellowship and will pursue her Doctor of Nurse Practice specializing in Family Nurse Practitioner here at MU.

Meron Ghidey is off to Baylor University's Institute of Biomedical Studies to pursue his PhD.

Carmen Harjoe will be attending a Zoology PhD program in Oregon State University with full funding.

Carolyn Lacey is attending the University of Missouri as a graduate student in the Molecular Microbiology and Immunology PhD Program.

In Kansas City, Carrie McKinley has accepted a position with Comprehensive Mental Health.

Paulos Mengisteab is off to the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington to enter a postbaccalaureate program in Biomedical Engineering.

Rosalyn Reese is taking a year off before pursuing her graduate degree.

Ashley Schulz is obtaining more teaching assistant experience here at Mizzou before pursuing her Masters of Science in Forestry degree.

Jessica Stokes will be attending the University of Texas-Austin for her PhD in Inorganic Chemistry.

Chad Tucker was accepted into multiple Masters of Music programs and expects to pursue it after taking a year off.

2012-2013 Non-gradiating Scholars Summer Research & Internship Plans

Jeremy Clincy is continuing his work this summer in Dr. Sarafianos's lab at MU.

Jale’t Hickmon-Rosa is shadowing a School Psychologist in Oceanside, California.

Maranda Johnson is beginning a new research project this summer with her McNair Mentor Dr. Cohen.

Alicia Lorio will be a Research Assistant this summer for Dr. Manfra in the nursing program at Mizzou.

Shelby Manning is interning at Guardian Angel Community Services in Joliet, Illinois as a Sexual Assault Services Assistant.

Emma Rosenow will be participating in a summer Geology Field Camp in Wyoming.

Sital Uprety is conducting research this summer at Texas A&M in College Station, Texas.

Zachariah Winkler is in Northern Kenya to conduct paleoanthropological work with George Washington University.
A continued congratulations to all 116 of our Doctoral level Degree Holders

Barbara Wotherspoon
Laine Young-Walker
Kimberly Yates
Steven Schroeder
Jerry Bruggeman
Barrington Edwards
Dana Duren
Luis Tumialan
Jason Durbin
Starla (Green) Ivey
Jeanette Dunkin
John Kottowitz
Jennifer McClain
Michelle Azu
Frank Baker
Susan (Dixon) Renee
Gaynell Simpson
Jason Hans
Anthony Johnson
Ron Irving
Leyland Young
Tracy Fehrenbach
Douglas Steinley
Christine (Conklin) Souza
Michael Guzy
Ebonie Cunningham-Stringer
Michelle (Klobe) Strettner
Richard Boles
Darla Tharp
Martha Crowley
Anthony Iyoho
Jennifer (Soto) Meyer
Lisa Molix
Antwaun Smith
Robin Roberts
Elizabeth Yepez
Sarita Townsend
Botswana Toney
Blackburn
Khadar Abdi
Ryan Brunner
Eryca Neville
James Browning
Jason Steward
Jennifer Frericks
Michael Barnett
Melissa Herzog
Paul Verslues
Paula Boettler
Rebecca Lynn
Robert Rodriguez
Ruben Valadez
Sarah Lancaster
Tracy Davis
Marcia Chatelain
Jenny Tone-Pah-Hote
Sean Stoneking
Charlotte McCloskey
Raul Camacho
Mary Starke
Jacqueline Fairley
Odessa Roberts
Jarrett Dickerson
Jessica Goin
Alias Smith
Lori Wilcox
Brian Sandoval
Johonna McCants
Emily (Broeckling) Lai
Candace (Wilson)
Korasick
Mary Clark
Taisha Jones
Nancy Olivares
Kara Keedy
Benetta (Fairley) Johnson
Robert Mahon
Paula Boettler
Atim Enyenihi
Crystal Buckner

As of July 2013, 116 MU McNair Scholars have obtained their doctoral level degree.

Over 200 MU McNair Scholars have obtained their master’s degree.

For the past 6 years, an average of 7 new doctoral degrees have been granted each year.

There are currently 46 scholars in doctoral programs and 19 more in master’s programs.

Since last summer, 18 more McNair Scholars have obtained a Master’s degree and 7 more have earned a doctoral degree.

For year that each student obtained their doctoral degree and from what institution please visit http://mcnair.missouri.edu/doctoralobtained.php.

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