

Why Attend Graduate School?

Invest in Yourself!

- **Your goals:**
career advancement
achievement
making a meaningful contribution to your field
self-fulfillment
- **You enjoy:**
problem-solving
discovering new facts
exploring new ideas
- **Then:** think about continuing your studies at the graduate level
- **How:** participate in the McNair Scholars Program

Reasons for attending graduate school are many and include:

- increasing your earning power over time
- adding breadth and depth to your academic background
- specializing in a particular area or interest
- gaining critical research techniques and writing skills germane to your career
- expanding your knowledge
- positioning yourself for career advancement and job satisfaction
- having a job you love
- increasing job mobility, responsibility, and job security
- freedom to make your own decisions

Myths about graduate study may prevent you from even considering study beyond a bachelor's degree. They include:

- having a high enough grade point average (doesn't have to be a 4.0!)
- being able to afford additional study (you get paid to go!)
- getting practical work experience before going to graduate school (not necessary!)
- questioning whether graduate school pays (see enclosed graph)

The McNair Scholars Program can help dispel these and other myths about attending graduate school through its comprehensive activities and seminars.

Graduate Degree Levels are

- master's
- doctoral (professional and research)

Details are at <http://mcnair.missouri.edu> and include the following:

- Why Attend Graduate School
- Advantages of Being a McNair Scholar
- How to Ask for a Letter of Recommendation
- Why Have and How to Find a Mentor
- Travel Opportunities with the McNair Scholars Program
- Research Topics of Former McNair Scholars