

OUTCOMES TO DATE

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A Discover scholar is a motivated student exploring options and considering graduate school. Students may have multiple majors or undeclared majors, we only ask for an open mind and commitment to engaging in the learning process.

During Discover, scholars will connect with professional conferences, research positions, leadership roles, and more. Discover takes into account the unique needs of student workers and provides guidance around leveraging financial needs with future academic goals

“I really enjoyed the way the faculty in Discover and guest speakers wholeheartedly wanted to see each and every want of us succeed.”

“I really enjoyed the panels throughout the semester.”

“The chance to meet current graduate students and academics was invaluable for me.”



“Whether or not you reach your goals in life depends entirely on how well you prepare for them and how badly you want them.”

- Ronald E. McNair.

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Division of Inclusion,
Diversity & Equity

DISCOVER PROGRAM

Early Exposure to Graduate Studies



University of Missouri

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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Freshmen and sophomore students who seek to learn about research and the benefits of pursuing an advanced education degree should consider Discover.

Our program helps students navigate the initial steps that can be taken early in a college career to assist in readiness for further education after their bachelor's degree.

Benefits of Discover include:

- Exploring strategies for academic success both as an undergraduate and graduate student
- Engages in graduate educational opportunities
- Explore various career paths with an advanced degree
- Benefits of pursuing an advanced degree
- Learn and connect with paid summer research opportunities
- Be prepared to apply for the MU McNair Scholars Program
- Establish a better connection with your department and faculty.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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MU freshman, sophomore and junior level students who meet the following qualifications:

- + A first generation college student [custodial parent(s) has not received a four year bachelor's degree]

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- + A member of an underrepresented group in graduate education, *i.e.* African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, or Native Americans

APPLY TO OUR PROGRAM

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Applications open early September and are found at: mcnair.missouri.edu/discover

+ Application typically consists of information about yourself, academic interests and a brief essay

+ Selected students are invited to an orientation meeting during the Fall Semester.

+ Students may join later in the semester as well after discussions with program staff.

+ Follow this link and apply now!
mcnair.missouri.edu/discover



5 REASONS TO JOIN

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- 1) Learn how to build meaningful relationships with faculty on a one on one level
- 2) Regular exposure to professionals in your field of interest
- 3) Connect with graduate students within your realm of study
- 4) Receive individualized professional career plans and coaching
- 5) Access to academic opportunities and focused employment or funding on and off campus