

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
TRIO MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM
RESEARCH MENTOR

What is a Research Mentor?

A TRIO-McNair Scholar Research Mentor (RM) fulfills a key role in preparing a student from an underprivileged or underrepresented background for success in completing a doctoral program. As an RM, you will work closely with a TRIO-McNair Scholar to design a research project and oversee their research efforts during a summer research internship. In addition, you will also be able to share your personal experiences in graduate school, respond to your mentee's concerns, and discuss effective strategies for success. As a TRIO-McNair Scholar Research Mentor, you will make a substantial contribution to the academic preparedness and self-confidence of your mentee, and help them to realize their dream of obtaining a doctoral degree.

Mentor Opportunities and Rewards:

- Contribute to the diversity and inclusivity of your field
- Work with a funded student to conduct research in your area of expertise
- Provide invaluable guidance and support for a future colleague
- Recognized by ISU for use on faculty Activity Insight
- Contribute to ISU's pursuit of the Carnegie Community Engagement designation

Qualifications:

- Current tenured or tenure-track faculty member at ISU
- Hold a doctoral degree
- Have relevant expertise and appropriate academic credentials (or significant professional experience) related to the student's concentration

Responsibilities:

- During Spring 2020, be available to read, edit, and approve research question proposal, annotated bibliography, and methods related to summer research project.
- Attend a TRIO McNair Scholars mentor lunchtime orientation on April 1 or April 3.
- From May 18 to July 31 of 2020, you must be physically available for at least weekly substantive interactions with your mentee regarding the progress of the research project.
- **All research must conclude on July 31, 2020.**
- Supervise the development of this research project with your mentee, devising a timeline that is ambitious yet attainable
- Instruct the mentee in the use of appropriate research methods, data collection, documentation, and evaluation of findings
- Review the results of this research on an ongoing basis.
- **Edit and approve final summer research paper for submission to the TRIO McNair program by August 14, 2020.**
- During Fall 2020, oversee the writing of a paper by your mentee describing these results intended for conference presentations or publication as well as for the HONS 4493 course thesis.
- Provide a detailed letter of recommendation regarding the research of your mentee for graduate school.
- Be available to review your mentee's Research Statement and other materials required for applications to graduate programs and research conferences.

To apply, please complete the attached application

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Faculty Name:

Faculty Title:

College:

Briefly state why you would like to become a TRIO-McNair Scholars Research Mentor:

Describe the research that you are currently involved in and what aspects of this research a TRIO-McNair Scholar could contribute to:

I will be able to complete all required activities as a TRIO-McNair Research Mentor.

Signature _____ Date _____

_____ Initial here if you will allow the use of your photograph and other pertinent professional information on the TRIO McNair Scholars Program website and other forums, including the TRIO McNair Scholars Research Journal (no personal information will be used).

Please include the most recent version of your curriculum vitae with your application.

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