The McNair Scholars Program, first funded in the fall 2003, is designed to assist its scholars in gaining admission to graduate programs leading to a doctoral degree. The program targets low-income and first-generation students and members of groups that are underrepresented in graduate education. The graduating cohort average GPA was 3.8. 100% of graduating scholars were accepted into graduate programs and received full funding packages. Our scholars received numerous prestigious awards including an Order of Pegasus award, Ford Fellowship Honorable Mention, three National Science Foundation Fellowships, a University of Oxford - Florida Frost Scholarship, and a Goldwater Scholarship. For more information contact aap@ucf.edu.

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Brown University  
Doctoral Program in Anthropology  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Joanna Mishtal  
Prestigious Awards: Order of Pegasus & NSF GRFP

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Computer Science  
Cornell University  
Doctoral Program in Computer Science  
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Prestigious Award: Ford Foundation Honorable Mention

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Doctoral Program in Earth and Environmental Sciences  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Ram Mohapatra

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Biology  
University of Indiana at Bloomington  
Doctoral Program in Cognitive Science & Psychology/Brain Sciences  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Anna Savage

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Computer Engineering  
MSc in Mathematics and Foundations of Computer Science - University of Oxford  
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