

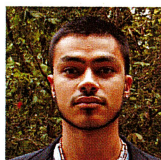


## ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT PROGRAMS

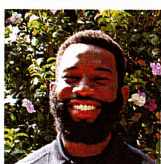
## 2018-2019 GRADUATING SCHOLARS UCF MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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The UCF McNair Scholars Program, first funded in fall 2003, is designed to assist its participants 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. McNair is funded by the U.S. Department of Education through its Office of Federal TRiO Programs. McNair has served 196 students since 2003.

**Juan Arias***Chemistry*

University of California Berkeley  
Doctoral Program in Chemistry  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Karin Chumbimuni-Torres

**Jeremy Bramwell***Psychology*

Decision Pending  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Daniel McConnell

**Lianne Brito***Civil Engineering*

University of Colorado Boulder  
Doctoral Program in Geotechnical Engineering  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Kevin Mackie

**Chanelle Hunter***Biomedical Sciences*

University of Alabama at Birmingham  
Doctoral Program in Cancer Biology  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Alicia Hawthorne

**Debraliz Isaac-Aragones***Mechanical Engineering*

Purdue University  
Doctoral Program in Mechanical Engineering  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Seetha Raghavan

**Sire Kassama***Biology*

University of California Davis  
Doctoral Program in Horticulture & Agronomy  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Anna Savage  
NSF GRFP Recipient

**Jessica Jowais***Biology*

University of Miami  
Doctoral Program in Biomedical Sciences  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Patrick Bohlen

**Antonett Nunez-DelPrado***Physics*

University of California Los Angeles  
Ph.D. Physics Bridge Program  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Eduardo Mucciolo

**Sharon Park***Mechanical Engineering*

University of Central Florida  
Masters in Materials Science & Engineering  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Yonho Sohn

**Sarah Parker***Psychology*

Washington State University  
Doctoral Program in Sociology  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Amy Donley

**Gisselle Pombar***Chemistry*

Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Doctoral Program in Chemistry  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Fernando Uribe-Romo  
NSF GRFP Recipient; Ford Fellow

**Andres Posadas***Computer Science*

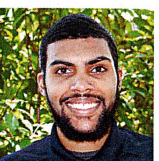
Pennsylvania State University  
Doctoral Program in Computer Science  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Avelino Gonzalez

**Tristan Reynoso***Mathematics*

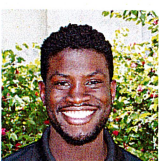
Louisiana State University  
Doctoral Program in Mathematics  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Bhimsen Shivamoggi  
NSF GRFP Recipient

**Vanessa Rijo***Sociology*

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign  
Doctoral Program in Sociology  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Michael Armato

**Victor Rodriguez***Mechanical Engineering*

Carnegie Mellon University  
Doctoral Program in Engineering Public Policy  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Tania Roy  
NSF GRFP Honorable Mention

**Yves Valentin***Psychology*

Decision Pending  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Valerie Sims

**Ali Younis***Chemistry*

University of California Irvine  
Doctoral Program in Chemistry  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Jonathan Caranto  
NSF GRFP Honorable Mention



## ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT PROGRAMS

## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM PLACEMENTS UCF MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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### **Julissa Burgos**

*Biomedical Sciences*

NSF REU: Center for Brains, Minds and Machines

Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Jonathan Caranto



### **Priscilla Louis**

*Biomedical Sciences & Psychology*

Neuroscience Undergraduate Research Opportunity (NURO)

University of Michigan  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Alvin Wang



### **Stephanie Castelin**

*Psychology*

Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP)

Northwestern University  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Mustapha Mouloua



### **Stephanie Macassi**

*Biotechnology*

Leadership Alliance Summer Research Early Identification Program (SR-EIP)

University of Pennsylvania  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Kaitlyn Crawford



### **Nathalie Fernandez**

*Computer Science*

Internship at the Center for Brains, Minds, and Machines

Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Guo-Jun Qi



### **Isaiah Morales**

*Digital Media*

Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP)

Michigan State University  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Mel Stanfill



### **Rafaela Frota**

*Photonic Science and Engineering*

NSF REU in Integrative Nanomanufacturing

Boston University  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Kristopher Davis



### **Sandra Montenegro**

*Psychology*

Leadership Alliance Summer Research - Early Identification Program (SR-EIP)

University of Pennsylvania  
UCF Mentor: Drs. Kristin Horan and Steve Jex



### **Carla Garcia**

*Economics*

Summer Research Opportunity Program

Michigan State University  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Uluc Aysun



### **Darwins Olcima**

*Psychology*

McNair Summer Research Institute (MSRI)

University of Central Florida  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Kristin Horan



### **Gillian Gomer**

*Biology*

Summer Research Opportunity Program

Princeton University  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Adrienne Dove



### **Bianca Pizarro Vazquez**

*Sociology*

McNair Summer Research Institute (MSRI)

University of Central Florida  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Fernando Rivera



### **Daniela Gonzalez**

*Psychology*

Leadership Alliance Summer Research Early Identification Program (SR-EIP)

University of Pennsylvania  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Alvin Wang

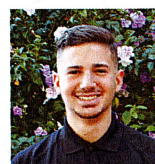


### **Alan Trudeau**

*Chemistry*

NSF REU: Center for Brains, Minds, and Machines

Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Jonathan Caranto



### **Luis Hurtado**

*Electrical Engineering*

Center for Energy Efficient Electronics Science (E3S) Summer Research Program

University of California Berkeley  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Yeonwoong Jung



### **George Walters-Marrah**

*Biotechnology & Biomedical Sciences*

McNair Summer Research Institute (MSRI)

University of Central Florida  
UCF Mentor: Dr. Kyle Rhode  
Prestigious Award: Goldwater Scholarship



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# ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT PROGRAMS

## WORKSHOP SCHEDULE FALL 2019

Academic Advancement Programs (AAP) offers initiatives designed to increase awareness and knowledge about preparation for graduate school.

### EXPLORING

#### What is Grad School & Why Apply?

August 30, 10 AM, TCH 201  
October 7, 2 PM, TCH 201  
November 15, 11 AM, TCH 201

#### How to Manage Stress while Preparing for Graduate School

*Co-Sponsored by WHPS*  
September 13, 11 AM, TCH 201

#### Summer Research to Grad School (Student Panel)

November 8, 11 AM, TCH 103

### BUILDING

#### Become a Competitive Grad School Applicant

September 5, 3 PM, TCH 201  
October 8, 10 AM, TCH 201  
November 7, 2 PM, TCH 201

#### Building Your Academic Portfolio

September 20, 10 AM, TCH 201  
October 9, 1 PM, TCH 201

#### Gain Grad Skills: Practicing Relaxation

*Co-Sponsored by WHPS*  
October 23, 10 AM, TCH 201

### MASTERING

#### Getting Great Letters of Recommendation

October 10, 3 PM, TCH 201  
October 30, 11 AM, TCH 201

#### Demystifying the GRE

*Co-Sponsored by Kaplan*  
October 4, 12 PM, TCH 201  
November 12, 11 AM, TCH 201

#### Applying to and Succeeding in Grad School (Student Panel)

October 11, 12 PM, TCH 103

### APPLYING

#### The Graduate School Application Process

September 10, 11 AM, TCH 201  
September 25, 11 AM, TCH 201  
October 3, 10 AM, TCH 201

#### Funding Your Grad School Education

October 24, 1 PM, TCH 201

#### Developing Your Statement of Purpose

October 17, 10 AM, TCH 201  
December 3, 11 AM, TCH 201

### MEET WITH AAP PEER ADVISORS



**George Walters-Marrah**  
Biomedical Sciences



**Gillian Gomer**  
Biology



**Priscilla Louis**  
Psychology & Biomedical Sciences



**Bianca Pizarro Vazquez**  
Sociology



**Isaiah Morales**  
Digital Media



**Chance Brewer**  
Mechanical Engineering

### ADVISING HOURS

#### Appointments

Mondays 9 AM - 1 PM  
Tuesdays 12 PM - 4 PM  
Wednesdays 9 AM - 12 PM  
Fridays 1 PM - 4 PM

#### Drop-Ins

Wednesdays 1 PM - 4 PM  
Fridays 9 AM - 12 PM

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## INTERESTED IN GRADUATE SCHOOL?

# PREPARE FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL NOW!

### 1 Explore your interests and career options

Decide if graduate school is right for you. Is an advanced degree needed to accomplish your career goals?

### 2 Build a strong academic record, professional network, and skills

Become a competitive applicant by being strategic about your college experiences.

### 3 Master your skills and make connections

Conduct research or gain experiences necessary for your field of interest. This will clarify the programs that are the best fit for your goals.

### 4 Apply to graduate programs

Take time and plan for your graduate school applications. This is where all of your hard work pays off.

### 5 Transition to graduate school

Prepare your financial and wellness plan as you transition to your next step. Reflect on your experiences and utilize that knowledge as you move forward.

### MORE GRAD PREP EVENTS

#### Graduate School Visits

Vanderbilt University, School of Engineering\*  
September 30, 4 PM, TCH 201  
(Snacks Provided)

Baylor College of Medicine  
October 16, 12PM, TCH 201  
(Individual meetings available\*)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT),  
Center for Brains, Minds + Machines  
October 22, 11 AM, TCH 201

#### Graduate School Prep Events

Graduate School Prep Intensive\*  
October 12, 9 AM, Apply for details  
(All day Intensive for students currently applying to grad school)

\*To RSVP, contact [aap@ucf.edu](mailto:aap@ucf.edu)



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