



EPSCoR in Idaho

Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research

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To: Ronald E. McNair Achievement Program Directors and Coordinators

From: Dr. Jean'ne M. Shreeve, Idaho EPSCoR/IDeA Project Director

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RE: Competitive funding for former McNair Scholars to pursue STEM degrees at the University of Idaho

One objective of the National Science Foundation (NSF) EPSCoR program is to broaden participation in science and engineering by institutions, organizations, and people. In support of this objective, the Idaho NSF EPSCoR program announces the availability of competitive Research Assistantship (RA) funding to support new or current University of Idaho (UI) graduate students who have successfully participated in a Ronald E. McNair Achievement Program within the past three years (2004-2006).

These 12-month appointments for 2007/08 will consist of an \$18,500 stipend + student fees + student health insurance. Idaho EPSCoR will contribute 50% of the total award; the sponsoring faculty mentor/advisor must contribute the other 50% of this award from non-EPSCoR funding sources. All award funding must be fully utilized by May 31, 2008.

Please share this opportunity with students who are interested in pursuing graduate studies and encourage them to speak with potential faculty advisors and/or McNair Program staff at the UI. To participate, a student's graduate program must be in a field of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) that is eligible for funding by the NSF. The recipient of this award is expected to receive research training with a research-competitive mentor.

Faculty may apply for EPSCoR support on behalf of the graduate student by submitting a letter of request describing the student's ability to contribute to a nationally competitive research program and their potential to attain a Ph.D. degree. Requests must be accompanied by: 1) a copy of the student's transcripts, 2) confirmation of McNair program participation, and 3) a letter of interest in graduate studies written by the student. Applicants also must offer written commitment to provide a competitive level of RA support to the student following the EPSCoR award period.

Applications will be reviewed as early as February 15, 2007. This opportunity is open until a sufficient number of high-quality applications have been received. Requests may be submitted to Idaho EPSCoR at the above address. Questions may be directed to Rick Schumaker at epscor@uidaho.edu or 208/885-5742.