DATE OF SUMMER PROGRAM:
June 1st-July 10th on campus. Move in May 31st and move out July 11th (July 24th for STEM students)

WHAT IS A McNAIR SCHOLAR?
The ideal Beloit College McNair Scholar is a student who is from a low-income, first generation and/or underrepresented background that is in good academic standing and has a strong desire to obtain a PhD. The summer program is an intense time of one-on-one mentorship and guidance between Faculty Mentors and Scholars where scholars learn the research process and produce a final paper. As such, there are a number of expectations and requirements the McNair Program has of its Scholars.

PRIOR TO THE SUMMER:
- Attend all classes and complete the McNair Scholars Research Preparation Seminar.
- Meet with your Faculty Mentor to complete the following:
  - **The Special Project Form (Due May 3rd in class).**
    - Under “Course Description” include the overall focus of what your project will be. What is the topic/issue/problem you are going to look at, how will you examine it, and what will you produce at the end?
    - Under “Course Requirements” include how many meetings you will have each week with your Mentor (at least 3 hours of contact time each week is required), the POD meetings you will have each week (1 hour per week for the full 6 weeks with date and time TBD), different assignments your Faculty Mentor will want to see completed, your presentation (1 required at the end of the summer), and what your final product will be (paper, product, etc.).
    - Under “Deadlines and Basis for Evaluation” include rough dates that course requirements are due. Set up what days and times you plan to meet with your mentor, when you plan to have certain assignments turned in, and when the final paper (July 10th) and presentation (July 9th) are due.
  - Complete and turn in your **Research Proposal in class on May 3rd.** You MUST have your Faculty Mentor sign off on your research proposal in order for me to accept it in class.
  - Create an **annotated bibliography** – in conjunction with your Faculty Mentor –that is due via email to the Director and your Faculty Mentor by May 29th.

SPECIFIC SUMMER RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Meet with the Director EVERY Monday morning at 8:30am in South College to go over your intended plans for the week, and bring up any issues or concerns you may have. These meeting will also serve as professional development sessions about various topics relevant to your success as a scholar in the future.
• Meet in 1 hour-long weekly interdisciplinary research PODS (comprised of three to four scholar/mentor pairs) to discuss research progress, raise questions, and provide constructive feedback to one another for the full 6 weeks. There will be a designated POD chair (from the Faculty) that will coordinate where and when the group will meet each week.
  o POD 1 – Gabby (Lisa Anderson-Levy - CHAIR), Sabrina (Suzannecox), Rachel (Beatrice MacKenzie), Jennifer (Laura Parmentier)
  o POD 2 – Kye (Debra Majeed), Darryl (Courtney Patterson – CHAIR), Oceana (Donna Oliver)

• Have at least 3 hours a week (this includes the POD meetings and mock presentations) of face-to-face interactions with your Faculty Mentor. The mentorship aspect of the program is important and we want to ensure you are truly guided and mentored over the summer session. These meetings should:
  o Establish and assess benchmarks throughout the research process.
  o Plan appropriate reading and writing assignments that will lead to successful completion of the final paper/project.
  o Ask questions and raise concerns you may be having.
  o Refer you, the Scholar, to various resources on and off campus that will benefit your project.
  o Evaluate and track your work from orientation through the conclusion of the summer program.

• Submit weekly time logs that are due every Monday by 8:30am to the Director.

• Give two mock presentations, and attend 2 mock presentations from other Scholars, June 10th, 17th, 24th and July 1st from 9am-12pm in Science Center 150.
  o You will split into two groups. Group 1 (Alberto, Sabrina, Darryl, Gabby, Oceana) will present June 10th and June 24th. Group 2 (Alesia, Jordan, Jennifer, Kye, Rachel)
  o The Director and faculty mentors will be at presentations and will give the presenting Scholars feedback, along with the group of Scholars not presenting that week.
  o Format will be a 15-minute talk followed by 5 minutes of Q and A.

• Attend the two-night university visit to the University of Minnesota (June 22nd -24th). More details will follow but you will be required to set up your own appointment(s) with faculty at the University.

• Give a final presentation July 9th to all Scholars and Faculty Mentors (same 15/5 format) that will also be open to the campus.

• Submit your final paper/project to the Director July 11th (July 24th for STEM students) and have it SIGNED by your Faculty Mentor.

• Sign your McNair contracts.

STIPEND:
The total stipend for the summer is $2800.00 plus room and board for 6 weeks (STEM students is 8 weeks). Your stipend will include the cost of your room and board THAT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO PAY. This is like paying your rent every month.