

## What is Graduate School?

Graduate School is about research and teaching. It is a time for structured exploration and analysis of a topic you value. It is learning and working in an environment that supports your scholarship, enriches your perspectives, and challenges your ideas. Your research is a reflection of your ideas and work, further shaped by the intellectual influences of professors and other students in your department.

Being a Graduate Student provides you with the means and materials for an in depth study. You will have better access to research and library materials. You will have better access to laboratories. You will have a closer relation to faculty. With all these available, you will find no shortage of ideas and questions to explore.

Graduate School Teaching Assistantships provide valuable experience. Since the goal of the McNair Scholars program is to have our Scholars become professors, it only makes sense that we encourage them to become great teachers. While we offer teaching seminars and collaborations with faculty members, there is no substitute for Graduate teaching experience. Your quality and quantity of teaching experience will be taken into consideration when applying for a faculty position later on. Here is where you can make the most of your education, by facing the challenges and rewards of classroom presentation.

Graduate School Research Assistantships will give you direct experience in your field. The skills acquired here will be directly applicable to your future employment. Want to be a chemist? Here's the acid test. Want to be an anthropologist? Here's your chance to enter the field under the guidance of a seasoned ethnographer.

Being a Graduate Student means entering a world of scholarly exchange that will forever inform your intellectual work.

## Opportunity

As a graduate student you are given direct access to faculty and other professionals in your field. It is an opportunity to present yourself and your ideas to a network of people with similar backgrounds and goals and another opportunity to put your foot in the door at professional academic conferences, enabling you to meet academic influential power players of your time.

Upon obtaining your PhD, a better world exposes itself. Many will seek you out, to present your research at various conferences and you will be read about or quoted by many in various journals and articles. What does the Ph.D., do? It tells everyone how capable you are. This is the door that is opened with the key of success.

## Self-Improvement

Graduate school teaches: personal strength, confidence, expansion of educational skills, discovering your boundaries, putting your mindset into action, and discovering freshness

within one's self. All of these transformations will help you personally, academically, and professionally, as you get ready for your line of work.

**A list of fee waivers for graduate applications and fellowships for McNair Scholars is available from the University of Rochester<sup>[1]</sup>.**

**A list of America's best colleges, universities, and graduate school programs can be found on the US News<sup>[2]</sup> website.**

## GRE News @ DSU

The Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement program provides GRE fee waivers for Delaware State University McNair Scholars. Contact the program office at 302-857-6128 or [McNair.scholars@desu.edu](mailto:McNair.scholars@desu.edu)<sup>[3]</sup> for details.

## Why is the GRE Important

The Graduate Record Examination is designed to test the overall academic ability of a student. The examination focuses on a student's core abilities: verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning and analytical writing. Graduate Schools place an emphasis on the GRE, because it is considered to assess a student's academic aptitude.

## McNair Online Resources

- [GRE Online](#)<sup>[4]</sup>
- [Kaplan Online](#)<sup>[5]</sup>

## Practice Tests

- [?Number Two? GRE Tutorial](#)<sup>[6]</sup>
- [Princeton Review](#)<sup>[7]</sup>
- The GRE Companion ? *The GRE Companion* provides personal tutoring, with immediate feedback on every incorrect answer. It automatically adapts to your personal skill level and can even remind you via e-mail of what's best to study next! Each time you log on you'll be taken to your own homepage that tracks how much you've studied, and how well you're doing. You will also be able to use our vocabulary builder which challenges you to learn new words and allows you to build up your own set of electronic flashcards.

## Vocabulary Builders

- [Number 2 Vocab Builder](#)<sup>[6]</sup>

## GRE Test Centers

[GRE Online](#)<sup>[4]</sup>

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### Links:

[1] <http://www.rochester.edu/College/McNair-Program/applicationIncentives.html>

[2] [http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/rankings/rankindex\\_brief.php](http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/rankings/rankindex_brief.php)

[3] <mailto:McNair.scholars@desu.edu>

[4] <http://www.ets.org/gre>

[5] <http://www.kaplan.com/>

[6] <http://number2.com/index.cfm?s=0>

[7] <http://tester.review.com/>