

# WELLESLEY WMAcNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM

## RECOMMENDER INSTRUCTIONS

THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATION. DO NOT UPLOAD.

The [Wellesley College McNair Scholars Program](#) is a two-year research fellowship program for first-generation, low-income, and students of color interested in pursuing graduate education in STEM. The applicant has selected you to provide a letter of recommendation to the McNair Scholars Selection Committee, and we thank you for your effort on the applicant's behalf. We would appreciate it if you would address the following questions in your letter:

- 1. In what capacity do you know the applicant?**
- 2. Can you provide brief examples of initiative, motivation, and determination in an academic and/or research activity?**
- 3. Please address the applicant's potential for success in graduate school. Why does the applicant want to pursue an advanced degree?**
- 4. How would the applicant benefit from and contribute to the Wellesley College McNair Scholars community?**

You may submit your letter on official letterhead as a .pdf file via our online portal utilizing the following naming mechanism for your letter of recommendation: **"STUDENT LAST NAME\_RECOMMENDER FIRST AND LAST NAME."** Please note that this is not an encrypted server system and is provided for your convenience only.

While the deadline for receipt of application materials is December 1, 2023, recommendation letters will be accepted until **Friday, December 8 2023 by 5:00PM EST**. If you have any questions, please contact the McNair Scholars Program at [mcnair-scholars-program@wellesley.edu](mailto:mcnair-scholars-program@wellesley.edu).