

McNair Scholars Program Mentor

Psychology

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Potential Research Project(s) for McNair Scholar

Dr. Korchmaros' research concerns how expectations of how people are going to act and should act influence how people interact with each other. For example, when people are interested in initiating a relationship with someone, they are motivated to make a favorable impression so that the person will also be interested in forming a relationship. When the person is a new acquaintance, people tend to rely on their expectations to know how they should act in order to make a favorable impression. These expectations tend to be based on the gender, age, race or ethnicity, physical appearance, and other visible features of themselves and of the person with whom they want to form a relationship. Dr. Korchmaros examines the formation of these expectations of how people are going to act and should act. She also examines how these expectations influence behaviors such as helping, help seeking, and evaluations of knowledge and ability.

Faculty Mentor Expectations of McNair Scholar

The McNair Scholar will be expected to play a significant role in conducting research, including generation of research ideas, research design, research participant recruitment, data analysis, and interpretation and presentation of research findings. The student will take a leading role in her or his own intellectual and professional development. The student will be expected to devote more time during summer compared to academic year. During academic year, the student is expected to devote on average five to six hours per week on research.

Additional Information

The McNair Scholar will attend professional conferences relevant to the topic of the research, including the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, American Psychological Society, and the American Psychological Association. Dr. Korchmaros is supportive of students continuing their research projects through the academic year.