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[AUSTIN, TX]-- The St. Edward’s University McNair Scholars program received another 5 year grant from the U.S. Department of Education, extending through 2022. As has been the case for the past 15 years, a key part of the grant and program is a partnership with UT’s Intellectual Entrepreneurship (IE) initiative. Nearly all St. Edward’s McNair Scholars participate in a version of IE’s Pre Grad Internship.

The Ronald McNair Program assists low-income and first-generation undergraduate college students who wish to prepare for graduate school. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, this program (which was named for the African American scientist and astronaut who was killed in the 1986 Challenger explosion) includes research opportunities, faculty mentors, opportunities to publish and/or present research findings, and preparation.

According to Dr. Molly Minus, director of the St. Edward’s McNair program and associate vice president for academic affairs, “The McNair Scholars Program at St. Edward’s University (SEU) would like to thank the University of Texas at Austin Intellectual Entrepreneurship (IE) Program for its successful and...
collaborative partnership during the last 15 years. Over 60 IE graduate school mentors from UT Austin have mentored SEU McNair scholars and assisted with their quest for information and learning about the graduate school application process and experience. We look forward to continuing this great partnership in the years to come.”

“We are delighted that St. Edward’s University was awarded another grant extending their partnership with UT,” said Dr. Rick Cherwitz, founder and director of the IE Consortium. “This grant will enable SEU McNair Scholars to be mentored by UT graduate students, helping them to discover what they are passionate about and devise an educational path for the future.”

Read more about the SEU-IE collaboration:

https://www.stedwards.edu/undergraduate/fellowships-scholar-programs/mcnair-scholars-program/intellectual-entrepreneurship-ie-pre-graduate-school-internship

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http://www.ut-ie.com/l-m/mcnair.html