



McKinney Scholars Program

The McKinney Scholars Program at the UNC Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute (FPG) is designed to create and support a pipeline for rising juniors and seniors who attend historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and are interested in pursuing careers in child development. It is open to students from racially and ethnically diverse backgrounds who are enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree program at a North Carolina HBCU.

10-week, paid summer internship

The 10-week, paid summer internship program provides students with:

- the opportunity to participate in meaningful project-based work in pursuit of their professional interests and in preparation for their careers;
- familiarity with how FPG contributes to positive outcomes for young children and their families through research and evaluation, implementation, technical assistance, and policy engagement; and
- an enhanced understanding of the importance of research, practice, and policy, as well as the interconnections and pathways between each of these areas of work.

Personalized mentorship

Within the summer internship program, each McKinney Scholar will:

- have an FPG mentor who will ensure that students are supported in their work, exposed to maximal learning opportunities, and integrated into the FPG community;
- create a comprehensive work plan;
- actively engage in one or more projects related to child health, child development, and/or child and family outcomes;
- participate in regular project, division, and community meetings;
- produce a culminating product (such as a poster or paper); and
- complete performance and program evaluations.

Exciting outcomes for interns

McKinney Scholars will gain:

- hands-on professional research experience;
- exposure to leadership, structure, operations, and decision making;
- opportunities to build professional relationships with renowned experts in the field;
- opportunities to participate in professional activities such as conferences, poster presentations, and publications; and
- greater understanding of professional opportunities and possible career pathways.

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