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The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) is an academic department of Marquette University that assists first-generation college students, underrepresented students and students from low-income families to succeed in higher education. EOP manages four major TRIO grants from the U.S. Department of Education, all of which share the common purpose of making a college education a realistic option for eligible students.

EOP Student Support Services

EOP Student Support Services provide a network of services designed to increase the probability that each student will succeed in the university. Support services include need-based financial aid, a pre-freshman summer program, academic advising, specialized courses, and tutoring, as well as personal and career counseling. Students may apply to EOP-SSS when they apply for admission to Marquette University, after completion of the Marquette application or even after beginning studies at Marquette. The majority of EOP-SSS students enroll as entering freshmen and participate in the EOP-SSS summer program. For application information, call (414) 288-7593.

EOP McNair Scholars Program

The McNair Scholars Program provides services designed to encourage eligible sophomores, juniors and seniors to prepare for doctoral study. During the academic year, McNair Scholars participate in seminars, meet with visiting minority scholars, and attend professional and undergraduate research conferences. In the summer, McNair Scholars receive eight-week paid research internships with Marquette faculty, visit graduate schools and enroll in a GRE preparation course. McNair Scholars are eligible for conference travel grants, research stipends, GRE fee waivers and admissions application fee waivers. For application information, call (414) 288-1771.

EOP Precollege Programs

In addition to Student Support Services and McNair Scholars, EOP administers two pre-college programs to motivate and prepare high school students to enroll and succeed in college. These structured programs provide summer instruction and enrichment programs, as well as after-school activities during the school year. For further information, call (414) 288-7368.