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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 five 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.

Outreach and Embedded Services

Educational Talent Search

Educational Talent Search is a program that identifies and assists individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds and provides academic, career, and financial counseling to its participants in which advisors go to target schools and provide these services.

GEAR UP

GEAR UP is a program designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. GEAR UP grantees serve an entire cohort of students beginning no later than the seventh grade and follow the cohort through high school, and funds are also used to provide college scholarships to low-income students.

EOP Precollege Programs

EOP also administers two pre-college programs, Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math and Science 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.