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Winthrop's program is funded through 2018 by a renewable TRiO grant from the U.S. Department of Education (PR/Award No.: P217A130111). \$220,000 in federal funding is provided each year to help 30 eligible, outstanding students complete research and prepare for graduate study. In 2015-16, federal funds represent approximately 70% of program costs. Winthrop and the Winthrop Foundation will contribute the remaining 30% of the budget with over \$95,000 in cash and in-kind matches.

Each year, the twelve-member Winthrop McNair Advisory Board selects new Scholars through a highly competitive application and interview process. All Winthrop McNair Scholars complete an intensive summer research internship in their first year. Several Winthrop Scholars have earned awards for their research and several Scholars' work has been published or is in preparation for or under review for publication.

Winthrop's program is successful because of the excellent work and persistence of our Scholars; expertise of our Mentors; dedication of our staff; support from our Dean; funding from the U.S. Department of Education, our institution, and foundation; and guidance from our Advisory Board.

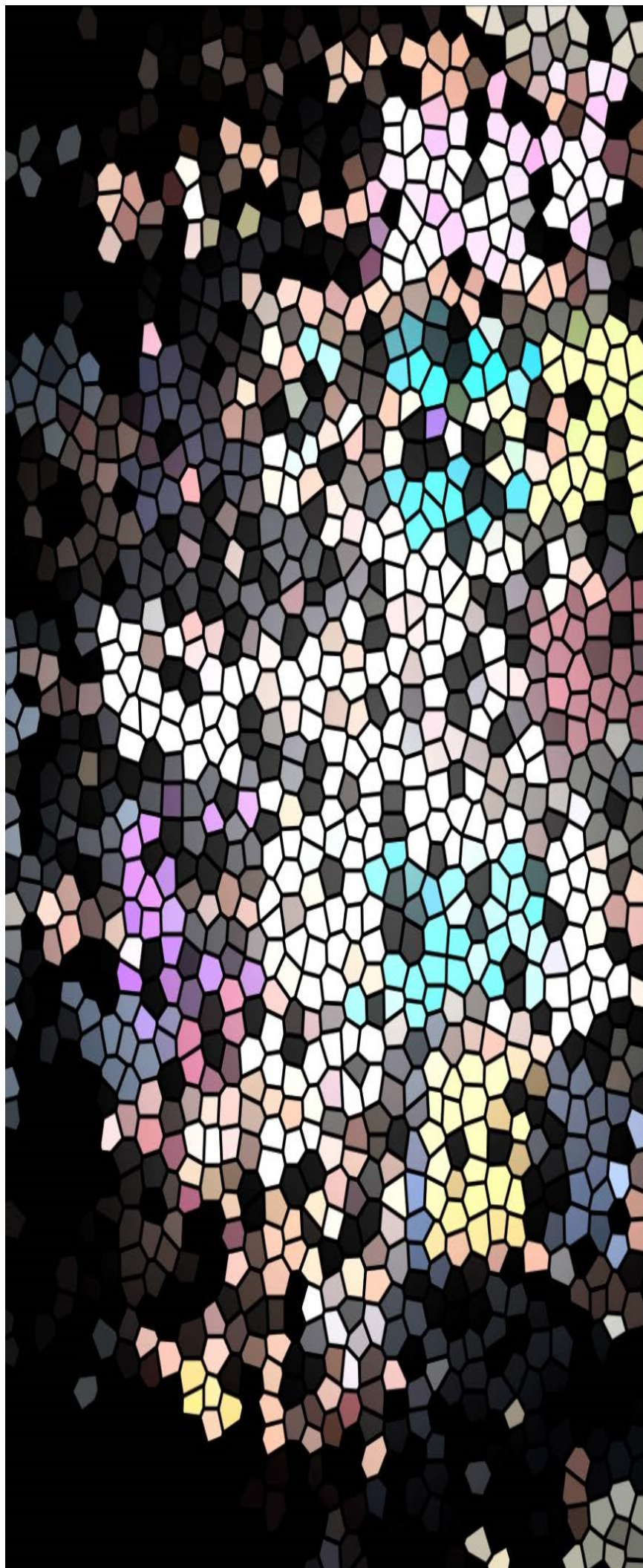
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