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from low-socioeconomic households who are first-generation to college, and students who self-identify as underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, are equipped with tools to be competitively

considered for research-focused M.S. and Ph.D. degrees across STEM disciplines. Renée immerses students in research experiences as early as their second year, provides year-round holistic mentorship, and teaches two courses (open to all university students) for students to hone critical thinking and data communication skillsets while learning about graduate school life and research-focused careers.

Renée earned her Ph.D. in cell and developmental biology at UConn and post-doctoral training in biochemistry at UConn Health. She also earned her M.S. in kinesiology at UConn while concurrently leading the McNair Program. Renée's professional interests relate to early and equitable access to research opportunities with engaged project mentors, and graduate school

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