

CSUF Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program Application

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The McNair Scholars Program accepts applications year-round, but scholars do not begin the program until the summer *after* their acceptance. If you are applying during the Spring Semester, please contact Director Gerald Bryant (714-278-7315) to find out the cutoff date for applications in Spring.

McNair Program Eligibility Checklist

Use this list to verify that you are eligible to be a McNair Scholar

- More than 59 units completed by the end of the upcoming Spring semester
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above
- Low-income*
- first-generation college student** AND/OR underrepresented in graduate education*
- U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Currently enrolled at CSUF
- Expect to graduate from CSUF with a bachelor's degree

*Low-income is defined by the federal government using the family's taxable income. To find out if you meet the requirements for "low income," check the McNair Scholars Program website (www.fullerton.edu/mcnair) as it changes yearly.

**First generation college is defined by the Federal government as a student who has not resided with or received primary support from a parent who has received a bachelor's degree or equivalent.

*** The following ethnic and racial groups are currently underrepresented in graduate education: Black (non-Hispanic), Hispanic, and American Indian/Alaskan Native.

Requirements of the McNair Scholars Program

If you are accepted into the McNair Scholars Program at CSUF, there are a few things that will be expected of you. You will be required to:

- Attend group monthly meetings
- Attend at least 4 workshops a semester.
- Complete an original research project with the help of a faculty mentor (a \$2800 stipend is awarded for completion)
- Meet with the Academic Coordinator on a regular basis (weekly or biweekly)
- Provide McNair with copies of your syllabi each semester
- Submit a Progress Report each semester signed by your professors

McNair Scholars Program Application Checklist

The following items must be submitted for you to be eligible:

- McNair Scholars Program Application
- Transcript of any *transferred* units (Unofficial transcripts will be accepted-no CSUF transcripts needed)
- Personal Statement
- Copy of Financial Aid form (either FAFSA or SAR)
- One current letter of recommendation and completion of form by a faculty member

Your application cannot be evaluated unless all of the necessary materials have been received. Applications submitted in person should be turned in between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to the reception staff at the McNair Office UH-230.

Submit all materials to:

McNair Scholars Program
California State University, Fullerton
P.O. Box 6870
Fullerton, CA 92834-6870



For more information, call (714) 278-7315 or stop by the McNair Scholars Program Office in UH-230.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Date of Birth _____ (Month/Day/Year) Gender Female Male

Permanent Address (do not give a PO Box address) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Mailing Address (PO Box address is OK) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (_____) _____ E-mail address _____

Citizenship: Citizen Permanent Resident Other _____

Social Security Number: _____ Student ID Number: _____

Ethnic Heritage: African-American Asian (please specify) _____
 Chicano/Mexican-American Latino
 Native American White
 Mixed Heritage (please specify) _____

What is your first language? _____

Please provide the names and permanent addresses of three people who will know how to reach you in the future:

Name of Relative/Permanent Contact _____

Relationship: _____

Mailing Address Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (_____) _____

Does your Relative/Permanent Contact speak a language other than English as a first or only language? If so, list her/his primary language here: _____

Name of Relative/Permanent Contact _____

Relationship: _____

Mailing Address Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (_____) _____

Does your Relative/Permanent Contact speak a language other than English as a first or only language? If so, list her/his primary language here: _____

Name of Relative/Permanent Contact _____

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Mailing Address Street _____

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Telephone (_____) _____

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How did you hear about the McNair Scholars Program? _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

For financial aid purposes, are you considered dependent or independent?
If **dependent**, complete **Section A**; if **independent**, complete **Section B**.

Section A (Dependent)	Section B (Independent)
What is the size of your parents' household, including you? _____	(if you list your parents on your FAFSA/SAR, you are not an independent student)
	What is the size of your household, including yourself, spouse, and/or other dependents? _____
Did your parent(s) file a federal tax return for last year?	Did you file a federal tax return for last year ?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, what was their taxable income?	If yes, what was your taxable income?
(line 37 on 1040 Form) \$ _____	(line 37 on 1040 form) \$ _____
Indicate tax year: _____	Indicate tax year: _____

Please attach a copy of your most recent Financial Aid Form (either FAFSA or SAR).

Educational Attainment of Mother

Highest grade completed: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
College degree earned, if any: Bachelor Master Doctorate

Educational Attainment of Father

Highest grade completed: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
College degree earned, if any: Bachelor Master Doctorate

With whom did you regularly reside and receive support from before the age 18?

Mother only Father only Both Other _____

EDUCATION INFORMATION

Current Major/Minor, if any _____

Name of your Major Advisor _____

Number of units completed as of this Spring semester _____

Projected graduation date FA SP SU _____

Current *Cumulative* CSUF GPA _____

In what field would you consider obtaining a Ph.D. degree? _____

What are your possible/intended career goals after obtaining a Ph.D.? _____

RESEARCH/ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Please provide any information you wish to have considered:

- Describe your research experience, if any. Include dates.

- List any academic honors, distinctions, or scholarships you have received at the college level. Include dates.

- List any significant extracurricular activities or employment. Include dates.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

One letter of recommendation from a faculty member is required (see Recommendation Form). Your recommendation should address how your academic preparation and interests make you well suited for the program. Keep in mind that this is a very important part of the application.

1. Recommender's Name _____
Institution _____ Department _____
Telephone _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT

The selection committee will pay close attention to your personal statement. The statement should be 300-500 words and focus on your academic and career objectives. The committee would like to know about your research interests and why you feel obtaining a Ph.D. is essential in pursuing those interests. With regard to your academic and intellectual interests, the committee would like for you to mention the most exciting/stimulating academic experience(s) you have had as an undergraduate. You should also address how the McNair Scholars Program will help you reach your academic goals. Please attach a typed copy of your personal statement.

My signature below indicates that, to the best of my knowledge, the information given on this application is true, complete, and accurate.

Signature _____ Date _____

CSUF McNair Scholars Program Recommendation Form

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

This section is to be completed by a **faculty member**, who is familiar with your academic abilities, and returned by the recommender directly to the McNair Scholars Program as soon as possible.

To the recommender:

The McNair Scholars Program is designed to prepare selected Cal State Fullerton undergraduates for graduate study in a Ph.D. program. The students spend two academic years developing writing and research skills while they plan a summer research project conducted under the mentorship of a faculty member.

➤ *Please attach to this form a statement about the applicant. In your letter, we would like you to answer the following questions:*

- How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
- What is your appraisal of the applicant's promise as a graduate student and future scholar?
- Evaluate the applicant's academic aptitude and preparation for graduate work, motivation for the pursuit of advanced graduate study, and present academic performance in area of concentration.

The above named student is applying to the McNair Scholars Program. On the scale below, please rate the applicant with a check mark under the appropriate column.

	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	No Opinion
Leadership Ability					
Self-Discipline					
Initiative					
Integrity					
Creativity					
Maturity					
Academic Aptitude and Potential for Graduate Work					
Present Academic Performance in Area of Concentration					
Motivation for the Proposed Program of Study					

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Please return this form via inter-campus mail to the McNair Scholars Program, UH-230 or by regular mail to: California State University, Fullerton, P.O. Box 6870, Fullerton, CA 92834-6870. If you have any questions, please contact Gerald Bryant at (714) 278-7315 or via e-mail at gbryant@fullerton.edu.



For more information about our program, please visit our website: <http://www.fullerton.edu/mcnair>