The McNair Prep Academy offers qualified Freshmen and Sophomore students the opportunity to learn more about research and graduate school. As part of the program, McNair Prep Scholars will receive:

- Advisement from McNair Scholars Program staff
- The opportunity to attend graduate school tours
- Peer mentorship from a current McNair Scholar
- Assistance with the creation of an individualized academic plan
- The opportunity to participate in workshops on research and the graduate school experience, including financial aid and funding opportunities

Participants who successfully complete the McNair Prep Academy and meet the qualifications will receive expedited admission to the McNair Scholars Program at the beginning of their Junior year. The McNair Scholars is a competitive program for Juniors and Seniors that prepares students for successful entrance into and completion of graduate school. The McNair Scholars Program includes a $2800 stipend for completion of a research thesis, faculty mentorship, assistance with graduate school applications, funded travel to conferences and grad school visits, and grad school application waivers.

Eligibility Checklist for the McNair Prep Academy

- Interest in learning more about graduate school and research
- 2.75 cumulative GPA
- Freshmen or Sophomore status
- Low-income background\(^1\) and first generation college student\(^2\) AND/OR
- From a racial or ethnic group underrepresented in graduate education\(^3\)

\(^1\)Determining Low-Income Status
Please review the following table to determine if you meet the qualifications for low-income status.

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\(^2\)Determining First Generation College Student Status
First-generation college student 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.

\(^3\)Determining Underrepresented Status
According to the federal government, the following ethnic and racial groups are considered underrepresented in graduate education: Black (non-Hispanic), Hispanic, American Indian/Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.
**McNair Prep Academy Application Checklist**

The following items must be submitted by **February 9, 2018** for you to be considered:

- McNair Prep Academy application
- Official or unofficial transcripts of all higher education institutions attended
- Essay
- Documentation of family income (income tax return, FAFSA or SAR forms)
- Names and contact information for three references

Your application cannot be evaluated unless all of the necessary materials have been received. Applications submitted in person should be submitted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to McNair Scholars Program Staff in Langsdorf Hall 651, 661 or 662. Applications submitted via e-mail should be sent to Dr. Patricia Literte at pliterete@fullerton.edu

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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**Date of Birth** ________________  
(Month/Day/Year)  

**Gender**  
[ ] Female  
[ ] Male

**Permanent Address** (do not give a PO Box address) ________________

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**Telephone** (___) ___________  

**E-mail address** ________________

**Citizenship**:  
[ ] Citizen  
[ ] Permanent Resident  
[ ] Other

**Social Security Number**: ________________  
**Campus Wide ID Number**: ________________

**Racial and Ethnic Identification (You may mark more than one category):**

- [ ] American Indian or Alaska Native
- [ ] Asian (please specify): ________________
- [ ] Black or African American
- [ ] Hispanic (please specify): ________________
- [ ] Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- [ ] White
FAMILY & FINANCIAL 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’ / What is the size of your household, including yourself,
legal guardian’s household, including you? your spouse, and any dependents?

_____ _____

Did your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) file a Did you file a federal tax return for last year?
federal tax return for last year?
Yes
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) $ ____________

Educational Attainment of Mother  
Highest grade completed (please circle): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

College degree earned, if any:
  □ Bachelor
  □ Master
  □ Doctorate

If degree was earned in a country other than the U.S., please specify the country/degree______________________

Educational Attainment of Father  
Highest grade completed (please circle): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

College degree earned, if any:
  □ Bachelor
  □ Master
  □ Doctorate

If degree was earned in a country other than the U.S., please specify the country/degree______________________

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 ______________________

Number of units completed as of this Fall semester______________________

Projected graduation semester and year FA SP SU ________________

Current cumulative GPA __________
Current major GPA (if applicable) __________
REFERENCES

Please provide the names and contact information for three references. At least two of these references should be academic in nature (i.e., professors, counselors, advisors, etc.). Please note that you should obtain people’s approval before listing them as references.

1. Name:________________________
   Title & Department/Organization:________________________
   E-mail:_____________________
   Phone:_____________________

2. Name:________________________
   Title & Department/Organization:________________________
   E-mail:_____________________
   Phone:_____________________

3. Name:________________________
   Title & Department/Organization:________________________
   E-mail:_____________________
   Phone:_____________________

RESUME

Please attach a current and complete resume. Make certain that your resume includes any: (1) employment, (2) internships, (3) extracurricular activities, (4) honors, distinctions or scholarships received, (5) research experience, (6) conference attendance. Please note that we do not expect applicants to have extensive resumes that include all of these elements. However, you should make sure that your resume as thorough and complete as possible.

ESSAY

Please attach an essay of 300-500 words. The committee would like to know about why you are interested in learning more about graduate school and how acceptance into this program will benefit you. In particular, please discuss your academic and professional interests and goals and how participation in the program will help you to achieve those goals.

Questions?
Please contact Dr. Patricia Literte,
Director of the McNair Scholar Program
at plitere@fullerton.edu