



The McNair Scholars Program

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Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program

The Claremont Graduate University's Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program is seeking first generation, low-income and traditionally underrepresented students who are interested in achieving a doctoral degree in math, technology, engineering, science, and the social sciences. Established in 1986 by the U.S. Department of Education, the McNair Scholars Program was created to encourage first generation, low-income students to pursue graduate studies by providing opportunities for participation in academic research, development of skills in writing and making professional presentations, and the formation of mentoring relationships with faculty researchers.

Summer Academic Program Opportunities

The McNair Scholars program provides each scholar with a six-week summer academic program designed to increase skills and confidence and encourage enrollment in a doctoral program. As a McNair Scholar, you will be paired with a faculty mentor whose research interests match your own. Under the direction of your mentor, you will work on a research project during the following academic year. Other highlights of the summer include:

- A \$2,100 stipend and up to \$300 for research, distributed in payments upon completion of specific program milestones.
- Ten units of graduate credit.
- Six-week summer module featuring housing and meals at the Claremont Colleges.
- Activities on and off campus to enhance an understanding of the graduate school experience.
- Access to research and computing facilities.
- Opportunities to interact with successful role models who have earned terminal degrees and mentors who are in the process of earning graduate degrees.
- Individual and group meetings with staff dedicated to ensuring your success.

McNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM APPLICATION



PLEASE TYPE PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT INFORMATION, THEN SEND TO:

McNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM
Claremont Graduate University
160 East Tenth Street, Claremont, California 91711

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____
Last First Middle

Local Address _____

_____ City State Zip Code

Telephone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Permanent Address _____
(if different from above)

_____ City State Zip Code

Telephone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Parents' Address _____
(if different from above)

_____ City State Zip Code

Telephone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender: Female Male
Month Day Year

Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____

Citizenship (if applicable, please provide a copy of INS documentation):

- U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident Other _____

Ethnic Heritage (check all that apply):

- African American Native American Eskimo
 Asian American Latino American Puerto Rican American
 Pacific Islander Anglo American Other _____

Services you think you need from McNair (Check all that apply) *

- Tutoring Study Skills Graduate School Preparation
 Personal Counseling Research Skills Graduate Admissions
 Academic Advising GRE Preparation Interpersonal Communication Skills
 Career Counseling Stress Management Graduate Program Selection
 Mentoring Relationships Other _____
 Financial Test-Taking Skills

* Please note that indicating a need for services is used solely for program planning.

II. FAMILY INFORMATION

Statement of confidentiality: The information contained in this application is solely for the purpose of determining the applicant’s eligibility for the McNair Scholars Program. Information received is confidential.

For financial aid purposes, are you considered dependent or independent?

If dependent, complete Section A.

If independent, complete Section B.

A

What is the size of your parents’ household, including yourself? _____

Did you or your parents file a federal income tax return for 2005? Yes No

If yes, what was their 2005 taxable income?

IRS Form 1040 – Line 42

\$ _____ IRS Form 1040 A – Line 27

IRS Form 1040 EZ – Line 6

If no, place a “0” on line for taxable income
(Submit your parents’ or guardians’ income tax return)

B

What is the size of your household, including yourself, spouse, and/or other dependents? _____

Did you, or will you, file a federal income tax return for 2005? Yes No

If yes, what was your 2005 taxable income?

IRS Form 1040 – Line 42

\$ _____ IRS Form 1040 A – Line 27

IRS Form 1040 EZ – Line 6

If no, place a “0” on line for taxable income
(Submit your personal income tax return)

Does your family receive assistance from any of the following sources?

- | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Social Security | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Veterans’ Benefits | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Food Stamps | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Unemployment Compensation | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Other _____ | | |

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: Bachelor’s Master’s Doctorate

Education 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: Bachelor’s Master’s Doctorate

III. EDUCATION INFORMATION

Date of first enrollment in a post-secondary institution _____

Your current college or university: Name _____ City _____ State _____

In June 2007, how many terms will you have left in your undergrad program? Quarters ____ Semesters ____

As of June 2007, what will be your academic status (sophomore, junior, senior)? _____

What is your projected graduation date (month and year)? _____

Do you plan to study abroad during the 2007-2008 academic year? _____ If yes, when? _____

What is your current major or area of concentration? _____

What is your current college GPA? Overall _____ Major _____

Please include an official transcript(s) from all postsecondary institutions attended with the application or arrange for an official transcript to be sent to the McNair Scholars Program office by February 9, 2007.

IV. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS

A. Three (3) letters of recommendation, all from **faculty** who are familiar with your academic abilities (specifically this means only faculty that have taught and graded you). Each recommender should send the letter **directly** to the McNair Scholars Program, Claremont Graduate University, 160 East Tenth Street, Claremont, CA 91711, by **February 9, 2007**. List the names, titles, email addresses, addresses, and telephone numbers of your three recommenders:

1. Name/Title _____ E-mail _____
Address _____ Telephone _____

2. Name/Title _____ E-mail _____
Address _____ Telephone _____

3. Name/Title _____ E-mail _____
Address _____ Telephone _____

B. Please provide the name, title, address, and telephone number of the person who first encouraged you to apply for the McNair Scholars Program.

Name/Title _____ E-mail _____
Address _____ Telephone _____

C. Briefly describe any prior research experience you have had. You may attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Do you have a mentor at your home institution? Yes No

Mentor name: _____

Do you have a research project you would like to work on? Yes No

Project title: _____

D. Briefly describe any computing skills you may have. You may attach a separate sheet if necessary.

E. **PERSONAL STATEMENT.** In 500 words or less, explain why you want to receive a Ph.D. and what you believe the McNair Program can do to help you in this regard. This will be read by program personnel to evaluate your potential as a contributor and benefactor of the program. Indicate what you hope to accomplish through participation in this program.

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

Date _____ Signature _____

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION, TRANSCRIPT(S), AND INCOME TAX FORMS TO THE McNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 9, 2007.

CHECKLIST

- ❑ Application
- ❑ 2005 Federal Income Tax Forms
- ❑ Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended
- ❑ Personal Statement
- ❑ Recommendations (*It is your responsibility to ensure receipt of letters from recommenders*)

RECOMMENDATION FORM

McNair Scholars Program
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 160 East Tenth Street
 Claremont, California 91711
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This section is to be completed by applicant. Please print or type.

| | | | |
|---|------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Last name | First Name | Middle Name | Graduate Discipline of Interest |
| OPTIONAL: This waiver is not required as a condition for admission to or receipt of any other services and benefits from the McNair Scholars Program. All right of access to this letter of recommendation conferred by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (P. L. 93-380) as amended, or otherwise, are hereby voluntarily waived. | | | |
| Date | Signature | | |

*Applicant: This section is to be completed by a faculty recommender, who is familiar with your academic abilities, and returned directly to the McNair Scholars Program by **February 9, 2007**.*

Faculty member: What is your frank appraisal of the applicant's promise as a graduate student and future scholar? Indicate the class in which you instructed the student. What are the applicant's greatest strengths and weaknesses? What is the extent of your acquaintance with the applicant? If you prefer to submit a personal letter rather than use this form, **please attach your letter to this form**. Please limit recommendations to one typed page. Thank you for your prompt cooperation.

Summary Evaluation:

Compared to a representative group of students in the same field with the same amount of experience and training, how does the applicant rate in the following areas?

| | BELOW AVERAGE | AVERAGE | SOMEWHAT ABOVE AVERAGE | GOOD | OUT-STANDING | UNABLE TO JUDGE |
|---|---------------|------------|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | Lowest 40% | Middle 20% | Next 15% | Next Higher 15% | Highest 10% | |
| Academic Aptitude and Potential for Graduate Work | | | | | | |
| Present Academic Performance in Area of Concentration | | | | | | |
| Motivation for the Proposed Program of Study | | | | | | |

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|----------------------|-------|------------------|
| Signature | Title | Institution |
| Name (print or type) | Date | Telephone Number |

Additional Program Opportunities

- Attend a national conference, making contacts with faculty members at graduate institutions of interest to you.
- National recognition as a McNair Scholar
- Cultural events
- Possible publication of research
- Access to Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and graduate school application fee waivers
- Possible McNair Fellowships for graduate education

Program Requirements

In addition to attending scheduled activities, you will be required to:

- Successfully complete summer academic course work in “good standing”.
- Provide the program staff regular reports on research progress and interaction with faculty mentors.
- Submit to the program office copies of transcripts and GRE results.
- Apply to graduate program(s).
- Cooperate with follow-up surveys.
- Share program experiences to assist and support new program participants.
- Workshops on research skills, the graduate school application process, preparation for the GRE, financial assistance, and personal development.
- Write and submit a research paper for possible presentation at a professional conference.

Applicant Requirements

Applicants for the McNair Scholars Program should:

- Have at least one year left in the undergraduate program by the start of the summer research period.
- Have earned at least a cumulative grade point average of 2.7 on a 4-point scale.
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident.
- Be a first-generation college student from a low-income background, or belong to a group underrepresented in doctoral studies, which includes African Americans, Native Americans, and Latino Americans.

All application materials must be received by our office no later than February 9, 2007.

**If you have questions about the McNair Scholars Program,
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