

MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM

APPLICATION 2009-2010



The application deadline is Tuesday, October 13, 2009, 12:00 Noon
All mailed application materials **MUST** be received by **Tuesday, October 13, 2009**
Send all materials to:

Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program
Academic Achievement Programs
2515 Channing Way
Berkeley, CA 94720-2410

For more information contact:

Harold H. Campbell, Ph.D., Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program, Director

hcampbel@berkeley.edu

510-642-8015

Or

Jennifer Kim, Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program, Student Advisor

jenkim7@berkeley.edu

510-643-9582

Statement of Confidentiality:

The information requested in this application is for the purpose of determining the applicant's eligibility for the McNair Scholars Program. Information received is treated confidentially.

—BEFORE YOU BEGIN YOUR APPLICATION—

Please consider the following carefully to determine your eligibility for the McNair Scholars Program

McNair Scholars Eligibility Checklist—Please check the boxes that apply to you:

- Must be interested in obtaining a Ph.D. degree*
- Must have completed more than 60 units by June 2010
- Must have a GPA of at least 3.0 by the end of Fall 2009
- Must be **either**: 1) a low-income** **and** first generation college student[†]
 or 2) underrepresented in higher education^{††}
- Must be either a citizen or a permanent resident of the United States
- Must be enrolled at UC Berkeley during Spring 2010
- Must be available to do full time research in the Summer of 2010

If you have checked all the boxes then you are eligible to apply to become a McNair Scholar. Please return this form with your application to:

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Information sessions will be held on:

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| 1. Tuesday, Sept. 29 | 3:30-5:00 PM | 11 Academic Achievement Programs |
| 2. Thursday, Oct. 1 | 12:00 PM -2:00 PM | 36 Sproul Hall |
| 3. Monday, Oct. 5 | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM | 344 Campbell Hall |
| 4. Wednesday Oct. 7 | 12:00-2:00 PM | 105 Cesar Chavez Center |

These sessions will address the application, the review process, the mission of the McNair Scholars Program, program specifics, and research issues. McNair staff, McNair graduate student tutors, and several former McNair students will be there to answer your questions.

* The McNair Scholars Program is strictly for students who are committed to pursuing a Ph.D. degree. Students interested in medical, legal, or other professional degrees should not apply. McNair students who go on to pursue an M.D., a J.D., D.D.S., and other Master's or professional degrees may be required to repay the McNair award.

** Low income is defined by the Federal government using the family's taxable income from IRS Form 1040 (2008) line 43, 1040A (2008) line 27, 1040EZ (2008) line 6. Please see the Department of Education website: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/incomelevels.html> for low-income level determinations.

† The US Department of Education defines first generation college student as a student who has not resided with, or received primary support from, a parent who has received a B.A. degree or its equivalent.

†† African American, Chicano/Latino, and Native American students are considered underrepresented in higher education.

Applicant Contact Information

Name: _____ , _____ , _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Address: _____
Local Mailing Address

_____ , _____ , _____
City State Zip Code

Telephone: _____ , _____ Email: _____
Home Phone Cell Phone UC Berkeley email

Address: _____
Permanent Mailing Address

_____ , _____ , _____
Permanent City Permanent State Permanent Zip Code

Telephone: _____ , _____ Email: _____
Permanent Phone Cell Phone Permanent email

Date of Birth: _____ Student ID #: _____ Sex: _____

Citizenship: U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident Other (please specify): _____
(If you are a Permanent Resident or a Citizen who was born outside the United States, please provide a copy of INS documentation).

Ethnic Heritage:

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

How did you hear about the McNair Program? _____

Please provide the names and permanent addresses of two people who will know how to reach you in the future (i.e. grandparents or other relatives).

1. Name of relative permanent contact: _____
Name of relative permanent contact 1

Address: _____
Mailing address permanent contact 1

_____ , _____ , _____ , _____
City contact 1 State contact 1 Zip Code contact 1 (Area Code) Telephone contact 1

2. Name of relative permanent contact: _____
Name of relative permanent contact 2

Address: _____
Mailing Address Permanent Contact 2

_____ , _____ , _____ , _____
City Contact 2 State Contact 2 Zip Code Contact 2 (Area Code) Telephone Contact 2

Family Information

For financial aid purposes, are you considered dependent or independent? If you are a dependent student, please complete Section A; if you are an independent student, please complete Section B

Section A
Dependent Students

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

Did your parent(s) file a federal tax return for 2008?
_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, what was their 2008 taxable income?
(line 43 on IRS form 1040; line 27 on form 1040A; line 6 on form 1040EZ) \$ _____

If no, place a "0" on the line for taxable income

Please attach a copy of your parents' 2008 federal income tax forms, or a copy of your most recent SAR, or FAFSA.

Section B
Independent Students

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

Did you file a federal tax return for 2008?
_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, what was your 2008 taxable income?
(line 43 or IRS form 1040; line 27 on form 1040A, line 6 on form 1040EZ) \$ _____

If no, place a "0" on the line for taxable income

Please attach a copy of your 2008 federal income tax, or a copy of your most recent SAR or FAFSA

Education 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 Masters 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, if any: Bachelor Masters Doctorate

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

Mother only Father only Both Other (please specify): _____

Your signature here certifies that these facts are true: _____

Education Information

Anticipated number of units completed after Fall semester 2009: _____

Projected date of graduation: _____

Have you taken a research methods course in your major? Yes No If not, do you plan to take a research methods course in Spring 2010? Yes No

Current Major/Minor: _____ Major Advisor: _____

Cumulative UC Berkeley GPA: _____ If you do not have a UC Berkeley GPA yet, please enter your transfer GPA: _____ School Name: _____

A copy of your most recent unofficial transcripts including Fall 2009 must be submitted by January 25, 2010 to verify your UC Berkeley Fall 2009 GPA.

What is your projected date of entrance into graduate school? _____

In what field do you wish to pursue a Ph.D. degree? _____

Personal Statement¹

Your research proposal and personal statement are vital parts of the application and are closely reviewed. Please answer the following prompts on separate sheets of paper. The documents should be typed, double-spaced and in 12pt font.

1. In 300 words or less, describe the research interest/question that will be the basis of your McNair project, and proposed methods for its implementation.²
2. In 400 words or less, tell us about your academic and career goals, paying special attention to how a Ph.D. is essential to those pursuits.
3. Optional: In 200 words or less, provide any additional information you would like us to consider.

Provide the names of two UC Berkeley faculty members who you believe would be ideal mentors for your research project.

Mentor 1: _____
Mentor 2: _____

Have you discussed this project with either or both professors? Yes No

Letters of Recommendation

We require two letters of recommendation from faculty; please use the attached forms. Letters should address how your academic interests and preparation make you well suited to the program. If you cannot obtain TWO faculty letters, you may submit ONE faculty letter and ONE letter from a Graduate Student Instructor who can comment on your academic performance and research potential. Please keep in mind that the letters of recommendation are significant elements of your application.

1. Recommender Name: _____
Campus Address: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email: _____
2. Recommender Name: _____
Campus Address: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The deadline for submitting all application materials including transcripts, letters of recommendation, and financial aid forms is **Tuesday, October 13, 2009**. Mailed materials **MUST** be received by **Tuesday, October 13, 2009 before 3:00 PM**.

¹ Please number the pages, type your last name and first name at the upper right hand corner of the pages, and **DO NOT** staple the pages.

² The Haas Scholars Program Workshop—How to Get Started in Undergraduate Research (http://research.berkeley.edu/haas_scholars/schedule.html#workshopa)—provides an excellent opportunity to develop a research question—it is free, and it is required for all selected McNair Scholars.

**Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program
Faculty Recommendation Form
For the Academic Year: 2009-2010**

Applicant's Name (please print): _____

TO THE APPLICANT:

In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, you may waive your right to inspect this recommendation by signing the statement below. This waiver is not required as a condition for admission to the McNair Scholars Program.

I hereby waive my right to access this letter of recommendation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

TO THE RECOMMENDER:

The McNair Scholars Program is designed to prepare select Berkeley undergraduates for graduate study in a Ph.D. program. Students will spend the academic year developing writing and research skills while planning the research project that they will conduct during the summer under the direction of their faculty mentor.

Please attach a statement about this applicant that includes the following:

- How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
- What is your appraisal of the applicant's potential as a graduate student and as a future scholar?
- Evaluate the applicant's academic aptitude and preparation for graduate work, motivation for a Ph.D., and present academic performance in his/her area of concentration.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

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To Applicant:

Please provide your social security number so that we can meet Department of Education reporting requirements. This information is strictly confidential and will not be shared or disclosed.

Name: _____

Social security number: _____ - _____ - _____