UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA

Deadline to Apply

Transfer Students: October 17, 2011, before 4 p.m.
Currently Enrolled Sophomores: February 8, 2012, before 4 p.m.

Please complete and return application to:

Monique Limón, Assistant Director
McNair Scholars Program
Building 477, Room 124
Santa Barbara, CA 93106-MC2087

For more information, please contact:
Monique Limón, Assistant Director
mlimon@mcnair.ucsb.edu

The information in this application is solely for the purpose of determining the applicant’s eligibility for the McNair Scholars Program. Information received is treated confidentially.
MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM
University of California, Santa Barbara

Eligibility Checklist

Use the following list to verify that you are eligible to be a McNair Scholar.

- Interest in obtaining a Ph.D. degree*
- Currently enrolled at UCSB
- GPA of 3.0 or above
- Completion of 60 units by the beginning of Summer 2012 (Transfers exempt)
- Must be EITHER: 1) a low-income** AND first generation college student*** OR 2) underrepresented in higher education****
- Must be a citizen or a permanent resident of the United States

If you 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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* The McNair Scholars Program is strictly for students who are committed to pursuing a Ph.D. degree. Students interested in medical, legal, and business degrees should not apply.

** Low income is defined by the federal government using the family’s taxable income from IRS Form 1040 (2010) line 43; IRS form 1040A (2010) line 27; or IRS form 1040EZ (2010) line 6. Please see the Department of Education website: http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/incomelevels.html for low income level determinations.

*** 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 B.A., B.S. or equivalent degree.

**** Black (non-Hispanic), Hispanic, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiians, and Native American Pacific Islanders (Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, or Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands) (EDGAR 647.3 and 647.7)
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Application Checklist

The following items must be submitted for your application to be evaluated:

- McNair Scholars Program Application with financial information
- Copy of Financial Aid Form (FAFSA or SAR)
  
  SAR Link: [http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/FOTWWebApp/follow003.jsp](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/FOTWWebApp/follow003.jsp)
- Unofficial Transcript(s) from all colleges and universities attended
- Personal Statement (combined questions should be 1,000 words or less)
- Two letters of recommendation

Please read all application directions thoroughly. Only students whose applications are complete and have adhered to the directions given will be considered for participation in the UCSB McNair Scholars Program.

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MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name___________________________________________________________________

Last                         First                         Middle

Current Address__________________________________________

City State Zip

Permanent Address________________________________________________________

City State Zip

Santa Barbara/Local Phone ( ) ____________ Permanent Phone ( ) ____________

E-mail Address_____________________________ Date of Birth _______________ Gender ________

Student ID # ____________ Major_________________________ Year ________

Last Quarter G.P.A. ______ Cumulative G.P.A. ______

Expected quarter and year of Graduation ____________________________

Last quarter and year you expect to be enrolled at UCSB __________________________

Graduate Programs or Fields of Interest __________________________________________

________________________________________

Citizenship (check one): ___U.S. Citizen ___Permanent Resident ___Other (specify)________

Ethnic Heritage (check all that apply):

_____ African American          _____ Latino          _____ White

_____ Chicano/Mexican-American  _____ Filipino          _____ Asian American

_____ Native American          _____ Pacific Islander

__________ (tribe)               (specify) Other ________

FAMILY INFORMATION

Mother’s Name_______________________________________________________________

Last                         First                         Middle

Highest Grade Completed (please select from scroll down list to the right*):

College Degree Earned (Check all that apply):

___ Associate ___ Bachelor’s ___ Master’s ___ Doctorate ___ None

Father’s Name_______________________________________________________________

Last                         First                         Middle

Highest Grade Completed (please select from scroll down list to the right*):

College Degree Earned (Check all that apply):

___ Associate ___ Bachelor’s ___ Master’s ___ Doctorate ___ None

*Please place your cursor over the scroll down list to choose a grade level.
FAMILY FINANCIAL INFORMATION
For financial aid purposes, are you considered dependent on your parents or independent? If you are dependent, please complete Section A. If you are an independent student, please complete Section B.

Section A (Dependent)
What is the size of your parents’ household, including yourself, spouse and other dependents? _____
Did your parents file a federal income tax return for 2010? Yes______ No______
If yes, what was their 2010 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.

Section B (Independent)
What is the size of your household, including yourself, spouse, and/or other dependents? _____
Did you file a federal income tax return for 2010? Yes______ No______
If yes, what was your 2010 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.

2011 Federal Guidelines
Low income eligibility for TRiO participants***

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Provide a photocopy of parent’s 2010 federal income tax form (1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ) for documentation. Please attach a copy of your most recent SAR or FAFSA.*

*A Student Aid Report (SAR) is required to determine citizenship status and income eligibility. If SAR will not be submitted, a government form of residency/citizenship documentation and income verification is necessary.*** (U.S. Department of Education website: http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/incomelevels.html)

FAMILY CONTACTS
Please provide the names and permanent address of two people who will know how to reach you in the future (e.g., grandparents or other relatives).

Name of Relative/Permanent Contact: ____________________________________________
Address___________________________________________
Telephone ( ) ___________________     City     State     Zip

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Address___________________________________________
Telephone ( ) ___________________     City     State     Zip
EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

I have previously participated in: (check all that apply)

[ ] TRiO/Upward Bound
[ ] TRiO/Talent Search
[ ] TRiO/Student Support Services
[ ] Freshman Seminar(s)
[ ] Honors Sections (list the classes in which you participated)

______________________________________________________
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[ ] Other special programs (MESA, STEP, CAMP, etc.)

______________________________________________________

College academic and extracurricular awards, honors, and scholarships:
______________________________________________________
______________________________________________________
______________________________________________________
______________________________________________________

College membership, participation and leadership in academic/campus organizations and activities:
______________________________________________________
______________________________________________________
______________________________________________________
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ACADEMIC PLANS

Do you intend to study abroad, take a quarter off, or participate in any other activity that would keep you away from the McNair Scholars Program in the coming two years? If so, please explain.

______________________________________________________
______________________________________________________
______________________________________________________
______________________________________________________
Please list any faculty members at UCSB you would be interested in working with:

Name ________________________________________________
Department __________________ Have you been in contact with him/her? ______
Name ________________________________________________
Department __________________ Have you been in contact with him/her? ______

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES AND INTERESTS

Previous research experiences (Please describe prior research experiences, including what work you did and completed, name of the program, institution, year, faculty mentor or advisor, and what you did and completed):
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Please read directions thoroughly prior to submitting statement. The statement of purpose is required of all students who apply to the McNair Scholars Program. Please respond to each of the 3 questions listed below with the number of words specified. Thoughtful, well-constructed, and candid responses are expected. Double space your statement, type in Times New Roman, adjust to one-inch margins, attach to the application, and sign below.

- Describe your family and educational background/history. How have these experiences affected your educational aspirations and career goals?  
  *300 Word Maximum*

- What are your reasons for pursuing the doctoral degree? Describe why you should be selected for participation in this program and what you expect to gain from the McNair Scholars Program experience.  
  *300 Word Maximum*

- The McNair research experience is stimulating, challenging and demanding. What are your expectations of this experience? What research fields and topics are of most interest to you?  
  *400 Word Maximum*

Your statement, including all three questions, should **not exceed the 1,000 word limit**.
PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY.
THIS IS A CONTRACT WITH THE MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM.

I understand that participation in the McNair Scholars Program is a commitment for two academic years and two summers. If selected as a McNair Scholar, I will be expected to attend:

- weekly McNair seminars
- specially organized McNair workshops throughout the duration of my college career

I will also be expected to:

- maintain a minimum quarter and cumulative 3.0 GPA every quarter
- take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- apply to graduate school during the Fall quarter of my senior year

The McNair Scholars Program will assist me with the above tasks. If my goals change so that they no longer include pursuing a doctoral degree, I will notify the program administrators immediately. In the course of doing my research, I will be expected to:

- submit an abstract
- submit a paper
- present my research at a McNair national conference
- present my research at the UCSB Colloquium on Undergraduate Research
- complete quarterly, annually and periodic McNair Evaluations

Program staff will assist me in preparing for these activities. I understand that the program will provide:

- academic units through the seminar series
- a stipend of $2,800 for McNair Scholars for the successful completion of the summer internship
- an opportunity to travel to a national academic conference & a McNair research conference
- access to GRE test-preparation
- access to graduate school application waivers
- mentored faculty research experiences
- comprehensive undergraduate academic advising from staff, graduate mentors, and faculty
- information on funding opportunities for research programs at other universities during the second summer.

Signature__________________________ Date _________________________
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

We require two letters of recommendation. The forms are part of this application package.

Letters should address how your academic interests and preparation make you well-suited to the program. If you cannot obtain two letters from faculty, you may submit one letter from an Academic Advisor or a Teaching Assistant who can comment on your academic performance and research potential.

Please keep in mind that this is a significant element of your application. For our records, please list the names of the two individuals from whom you are requesting letters.

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APPLICANT SIGNATURE

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

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________________

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Full Legal Name__________________________________________________________

Proposed Field of Graduate Study_________________________________________

Waiver (Optional): I voluntarily waive my rights to review this letter of recommendation
conferred by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. (This waiver is not required as a
condition of admission to or receipt of any other services and benefits from the McNair Scholars Program.)

Signature____________________________________    Date______________________

Dear Recommender,

The McNair Scholars Program is designed to encourage talented undergraduates from
groups often underrepresented in graduate programs to pursue doctoral degrees. The
student you are recommending has shown interest in
the program, and if accepted, will be
responsible for undergraduate research, writing a research manuscript, presenting work at
professional conferences, preparing for the GRE and applying to graduate programs.

As a recommender, please feel free to submit a traditional letter of recommendation or respond to
the four questions listed here. Submit all letters of recommendation directly to the McNair Scholars
Program.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. Briefly describe your observations of the applicant’s motivation for graduate study
and/or commitment to the academic and professional goals of attaining a Ph.D.
upon completion of a B.A. or B.S. degree.

3. What is your candid appraisal of the applicant’s intellectual ability, aptitude in
research, potential for doctoral study, and the quality of previous work?

4. Please list areas in which you believe this applicant needs to develop in order to
ensure his/her successful admission to an academic doctoral degree program.
LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Recommender’s Name _____________________________________________________

Department _______________________________ Position/Title____________________

Address _________________________________________________________________

Signature __________________________________________  Date _________________

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