

McNair Scholars Program

Application

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____
Last First Middle

Current Address _____
City State Zip

Permanent Address _____
City State Zip

Local/Cell Phone (_____) _____ Permanent Phone (_____) _____

UCD Student ID Number _____

Permanent Email Address (not UCD) _____

Place of Birth _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Citizenship (check one): US Citizen Permanent Resident Other _____

How do you describe your self? (Check all that apply)

- African/African-American/Black
- Mexican/Mexican-American/Chicano
- Latino (incl Cuban, Puerto Rican, Central and South American)
- Filipino/Filipino-American
- Pacific Islander (incl Micronesian, Polynesian, Native Hawaiian)
- Native American
- Chinese/Chinese-American
- South Asian
- Southeast Asian
- Japanese/Japanese-American
- Korean/Korean-American
- Vietnamese/Vietnamese-American
- Middle Eastern
- Caucasian
- Alaskan Native
- Other _____

II. FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent or Guardian's Name _____
Last First Middle

Highest Grade Completed (circle one) 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

Degree Earned (check all that apply) Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate

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Languages Spoken at Home: _____

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Are you currently eligible to receive financial aid? Yes* No

**Attach a copy of your UC Davis financial aid letter (FAFSA).*

With regard to financial aid, are you considered independent? Yes No

If Independent:

What is your household size? (include yourself, spouse and/or dependents) _____

Did you file a federal income tax return last year? Yes* No

If yes, what was your taxable income? _____

** Include a photocopy of your federal income tax return.*

If Dependent:

What is your parents' / guardians' household size? (include yourself, your parents/ guardians, spouse and/or dependents) _____

Did your parents/ guardians file a federal income tax return last year? Yes* No

If yes, what was their taxable income? _____

** Include a photocopy of your parents'/guardians' most recent federal income tax return.*

IV. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

List the names of ALL colleges and universities attended starting with the most recent.

School Name	GPA	Enrollment	
		From (Month/Year)	To (Month/Year)

Enclose official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended including UC Davis. You may arrange for transcripts to be sent to the McNair Program office directly. Contact information is located at the end of this form.

Have you ever been dismissed or subject to academic probation from a college, university or other academic program? Yes* No

**If yes, describe* _____

Are you a transfer student to UC Davis? Yes No

If yes, from which college/university? _____

Cumulative GPA _____ Units enrolled in Fall Quarter _____

Majors and Minors _____

Units completed by the end of Spring term _____ quarter semester (check one)

What academic enrichment programs are you participating in or have you participated in?

Expected graduation date for the bachelor's degree: Qtr _____ Year _____

When do you anticipate applying to graduate school? _____

Highest degree objective planned (check only one box)

Uncertain Master's Degree Ph.D. Other _____

What is your proposed field of graduate study? _____

Prior research experience is not required for participation in the McNair Scholars Program. However, if you have research experience in a university setting, briefly describe what you accomplished and include the names of professors with whom you worked:

V. **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

A statement of purpose is required of all applicants. In this statement, describe the strengths and weaknesses of your preparation for graduate study. Discuss your reasons for undertaking graduate study at the doctoral level and your career objectives. Explain why you should be selected for participation in the McNair Program and what you expect to gain from this experience. In addition, identify the contributions you wish to make to your chosen field of study as well as to your community. Address each of these topics in a double-spaced statement not to exceed 1,000 typed words and attach it to the application.

Benefits of the UCD McNair Scholars Program include:

Workshops and seminars helping students to

- Select and apply to graduate schools
- Submit scholarship and grant applications
- Complete a CV and a personal statement
- Prepare for the GRE
- Learn about graduate financial aid
- Improve technical writing skills and produce publishable work
- Develop academic research and presentation skills

Faculty mentors work with students to formulate research interests, develop research skills, complete a research project and present findings at a national undergraduate research symposium.

Individualized assistance and advising helps students with undergraduate academic needs and provides a program focused on achievement and balance. Students receive support in order to ensure admission to graduate programs of choice.

A summer research internship supports students with a stipend of \$2,800.

To be eligible for participation, students must:

1. Have completed at least 90 quarter units (60 semester units)
2. Have a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA
3. Hold US citizenship or permanent US residency
4. Come from a low-income family and be the first generation to complete a baccalaureate degree *or* be a member of a group that is underrepresented in graduate education (African American, Native American or Chicano/Latino)
5. Intend to pursue a Ph.D. after graduation (this program is not open to students pursuing professional degrees such as medical, law or veterinary medicine degrees)

VI. SCHOLAR SIGNATURE

I understand that participation in the McNair Scholars Program includes an academic year and a summer commitment. If selected as a McNair Scholar, I will attend weekly meetings as well as occasional weekend activities. I will maintain a minimum UC Davis GPA of 3.0, take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), complete an application and apply to graduate school. If my goal to attend graduate school changes, I will notify McNair Program administrators promptly. During the course of the mentored summer research component, I will perform ten weeks of research, submit an abstract and a journal article, and present my research at a conference.

Signature _____ Date _____