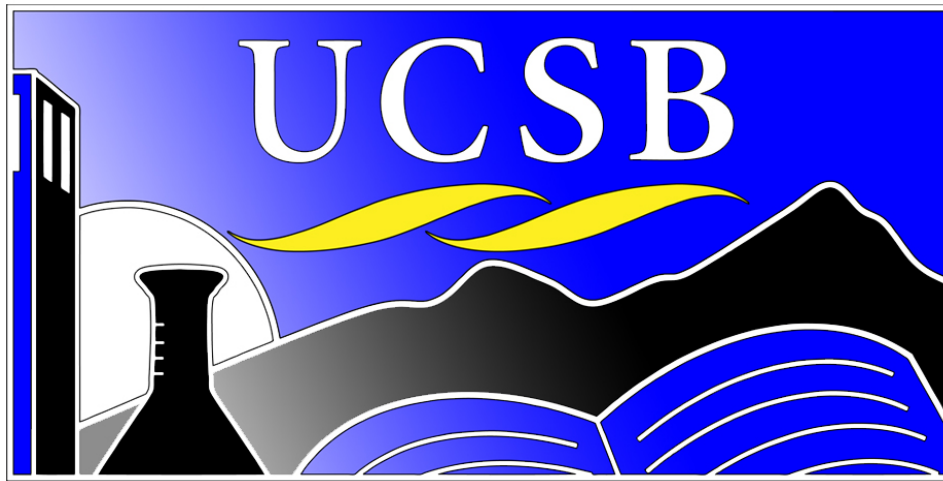


# MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA

## APPLICATION 2009



Please complete and return 4 copies of this application to:

Monique Limón, Assistant Director  
McNair Scholars Program  
Building 477, Room 124  
Santa Barbara, CA 93106-2087

by October 15, 2008, before 4 p.m. (*transfer students*)  
by February 1, 2009, before 4 p.m. (*currently enrolled sophomores*)

For more information, please contact:  
Monique Limón, Assistant Director  
[mlimon@mcnair.ucsb.edu](mailto:mlimon@mcnair.ucsb.edu)

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

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## 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 2009 (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 or other professional degrees should not apply.

\*\* Low income is defined by the federal government using the family's taxable income from IRS Form 1040 (2007) line 43; IRS form 1040A (2007) line 27; or IRS form 1040EZ (2007, 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.

^ 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.

^^ African American, Chicano/Latinos, Asian Pacific Islander, and Native American students are considered underrepresented in higher education.

### 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 (either FAFSA or SAR)
- Unofficial Transcript(s) from all colleges and universities attended
- Personal Statement
- Two letters of recommendation

**Only students whose applications are complete will be considered for participation in the UCSB McNair Scholars Program. Application deadline: Transfers by October 15, 2008, before 4 p.m. For Sophomores by February 1, 2009, before 4 p.m.**

# MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM APPLICATION

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

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	_____ (specify)
_____ (tribe)	___ Mixed Heritage	Other _____

## FAMILY INFORMATION

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Highest Grade Completed (please select from list):

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 list):

College Degree Earned (Check all that apply):

\_\_\_ Associate \_\_\_ Bachelor's \_\_\_ Master's \_\_\_ Doctorate \_\_\_ None

## 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 2007? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what was their 2007 **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 2007? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what was your 2007 **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 most recent SAR or FAFSA. Please be prepared to provide a photocopy of your 2007 federal income tax forms for documentation, if needed.**

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip

Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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# EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

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

- Upward Bound
- Talent Search
- Student Support Services
- Freshman Seminar(s)
- Honors Sections (list the classes in which you participated)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Other special programs (MESA, STEP, CAMP, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Academic and extracurricular awards, honors, and scholarships:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Membership, participation and leadership in academic/campus organizations and activities:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Previous research experiences: (Please briefly describe what you accomplished and include the name of the program, institution, year, and faculty mentor or advisor.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please list any faculty members you would be interested in working with:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Department \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been in contact with him/her? \_\_\_\_\_

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## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The statement of purpose is required of all students who apply to the McNair Scholars Program. Please respond to the questions listed below. Thoughtful, well-constructed, and candid responses are expected. Your statement should not exceed 1,000 words. (Please double space your statement, type in Times New Roman, adjust to one-inch margins, attach to the application, and sign below.)

1. Describe your family and educational background/history. How have these experiences affected your educational aspirations and career goals?
2. What are your reasons for pursuing the doctoral degree? Describe your personal insights as to why you should be selected for participation in this program and what you expect to gain from the McNair Scholars Program experience.
3. 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?

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I understand that participation in the McNair Scholars Program is both two academic years and two summer commitments. If selected as a Scholar, I will be expected to attend McNair seminars and specially organized McNair workshops throughout the duration of my college career. I will also be expected to maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA, take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), and apply to graduate school. The McNair Scholars Program will assist me with these tasks. If my goals change so that they no longer include pursuing a *doctoral* degree, I will notify the program administrators. In the course of doing my research, I will be expected to submit an abstract and paper and present my research at a McNair national conference, at the UCSB Colloquium on Undergraduate Research, with the possibility of presenting at another academic site. 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 at the full completion of the summer internship; opportunity to travel to a national academic conference & a McNair research conference; access to GRE test-preparation and graduate school application waivers; mentored faculty research experiences; support for independent research supplies and materials; comprehensive undergraduate academic advising from staff, graduate mentors, and faculty; and encourage the opportunity to conduct funded research programs at different universities for 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 EOP 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.

Recommender Name: _____
Address: _____
_____
Phone Number: _____
Recommender Name: _____
Address: _____
_____
Phone Number: _____

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**The completed application and all accompanying materials are due**

For **Transfers** by October 15, 2008, before 4 p.m.

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**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

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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 our 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.***

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1. 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.

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

3. 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.

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

Recommender's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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*Thank you for your prompt response.*



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