

Academic Advancement Program (AAP)

**UCLA RONALD E. McNAIR
RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM
APPLICATION**

(DUE DATE: 4:00 p.m., NOVEMBER 18, 2005)

The UCLA McNair Research Scholars Program prepares undergraduates to get into the best graduate programs in the country and to excel in graduate school on the way to earning a Ph.D. in the Humanities or the Social Sciences.

Eligibility (students must meet ONE of the following criteria):

- Low-income **and** first generation college student (neither parent has a bachelor's degree)
- African American
- Latino/a
- Native American

Students must also:

- Be a UCLA student majoring in the humanities or social sciences
- Have Junior level standing or higher (at least 90 units but no more than 175 units by fall 2005)
- Have a 3.0 GPA or higher (3.2 GPA or higher preferred)
- Demonstrate academic potential for graduate study
- Be a United States Citizen or permanent resident

Application attached; check list for materials due by 4:00 p.m. on November 18, 2005

- ___ Application form
- ___ Updated unofficial transcript (do not use your DPR!)
- ___ Copy of your Financial Aid Award (FAN)
- ___ 2-page statement describing your proposed research project
- ___ Academic Personal Statement
- ___ Letters of support from two faculty mentors

Important Financial Aid Implications

The McNair Research scholarship will be part of your overall financial aid package. This means that if you receive the McNair award, the Financial Aid office may adjust your financial aid package to ensure that you do not exceed your financial aid eligibility. When such adjustments are required, loans and work-study awards are reduced (to the extent possible) prior to any grant or scholarship reductions.

In addition to being a high honor and mark of achievement, the McNair scholarships are a great source of assistance because they may allow you to borrow less during the academic year, and, of course, repay less after graduation.

For more information about the impact of the McNair awards on you financial aid eligibility, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (310) 206-0400.

UCLA Ronald E. McNair Research Scholars Program Application Form
(PLEASE PRINT and use this sheet as the cover for your application.)
Due November 18, 2005

A. Student Information

1. Name _____ Email _____
2. Local Address _____
_____ Phone _____
3. Major _____
4. UID # _____ Units by Fall 2005 _____
5. Faculty research mentor _____ Dept. _____
6. If a transfer student, identify the Community College attended _____
7. Place of Birth _____
City _____ State/Zip Code _____

Are you a U.S. citizen or in the process of becoming one? _____ If no, are you a permanent resident or able to provide evidence from the Immigration and Naturalization Service of your intent to become a permanent resident?

8. Ethnicity Heritage: African American Asian
 Chicano/Latino/a Pacific Islander
 Caucasian Other (specify) _____
 Native American
9. Cumulative GPA _____
10. Have you participated in any of the following TRIO programs? Please check all that apply:
 ____ PLUS ____ Talent Search
 ____ Upward Bound ____ Student Support Services
 ____ Gear-Up
11. What do you plan to study in graduate school? _____

B. Family Information

1. What is the highest level of education attained by each of your parents? Please check only one box for each parent.

Father's Name _____
 Last First Middle

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ph. D., J.D., M.D. | <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> High School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Master's Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Some College | <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary (level) _____ |

In what country did he obtain his college/university degree? _____

Name of College(s) attended (If applicable) _____

Mother's Name _____
Last First Middle

Ph. D., J.D., M.D. Bachelor's Degree High School
 Master's Degree Some College Elementary (level) _____

In what country did she obtain her college/university degree? _____

Name of College(s) attended (If applicable) _____

C. Financial Information

Are you currently eligible to receive need-based financial aid? Yes No

If yes, attach a copy of your UCLA current Financial Aid Notification (FAN).

Dependent Students:

What is the size of your parents' household, including you and other dependents?

Did your parents file a 2005 Federal Income Tax Return? Yes No

If yes, what was their taxable income? \$ _____

(Can be found on IRS Form 1040-Line 39 / IRS Form 1040A-Line 25 / IRS 1040EX-Line 6)

Please include a photocopy of your 2005 Federal Income Tax Return

If you did not file, please explain.

D. Academic Personal Statement

The goal of the Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Program is to increase the numbers of underrepresented students going on for a Ph.D. and to diversify college and university faculty. **In no more than 250 words**, please discuss your interest in pursuing graduate school. What personal, academic, familial or social factors have contributed to this interest? What contributions will you make to your field?

E. Proposed Research Project: Student's Proposal and Faculty Letter of Support

As a participant in the UCLA Ronald E. McNair Research Scholars Program, you must be committed to completing a 20 page summer research project and an honors thesis or a comprehensive two-quarter independent study. Please provide a typed, two-page research proposal of approximately 700 words identifying your research area and the questions that will serve as a focus of your research.

Your proposal should:

- ✓ Describe why you chose this particular project and how you chose your faculty mentor.
- ✓ Describe what you will be doing in conducting your research and what you hope to learn from the research.

F. Application Deadline

Applications are due by **4:00 p.m.** on November 18, 2005; deliver this form and all materials requested to:

**UCLA McNair Undergraduate Research Program
Academic Advancement Program
University of California, Los Angeles
1202 Campbell Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1541**

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
for the UCLA Ronald E. McNair Undergraduate Research Program

A. To the Applicant:

Type or print your name, phone number, e-mail address, and the name of the person you have asked to write the letter of recommendation. Provide the recommender with your statement of purpose, a UCLA Degree Progress Report (DPR), the waiver form, and a paper you may have written for his or her class. We suggest that you meet with the recommender to explain what the letter is for and what you would like her or him to focus.

Applicant _____

Phone _____ E-mail address _____

B. To: _____ (applicant to fill in name of recommender)

The above-named student is applying for the UCLA McNair Undergraduate Research Program. Please comment on the applicant's intellectual ability, creativity, initiative, imagination, ability to work independently, perseverance, emotional maturity, and aptitude for research. The more specifically you can describe the applicant's strengths, weaknesses, and potential for graduate study, the more useful this information will be to the UCLA McNair Faculty Selection Committee.

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In the summer between their first and second years, McNair students will participate in the UCLA McNair Summer Research Institute, which will include faculty-supervised research, graduate student mentoring, and intensive workshop on gaining admission to, and preparing for success in, graduate school.

In their second year, McNair student will enroll in a two-quarter independent study course with their UCLA Faculty Research Mentor, complete a research project, and write a research paper. They will also complete applications to graduate schools, attend an academic conference in their discipline, complete the McNair Research Seminar course, and submit their research publication.

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