



## MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM PROGRAM APPLICATION

*The TRiO McNair Scholars Program is a federally-funded program designed to prepare and support underrepresented undergraduate students in their pursuit of doctoral studies.*

### Program Eligibility

To be considered for the TRiO McNair Scholars Program at California State University Long Beach (CSULB), you must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. A U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident.
2. Currently enrolled at CSULB as undergraduate with at least 3.00 cum GPA.
3. Completed at least 60 units (transfer units included) by end of current academic year. You must have at least 2 semesters (Spring, Summer and Fall) or more left before graduation.
4. Must be considered:
  - a. Both low-income based on federal income guidelines and first-generation status (parent/guardian did not earn a 4-year college degree); OR
  - b. Member of an underrepresented minority group (e.g. *Black/African American - non-Hispanic; Hispanic/Latino, American Indian/Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander*).
5. Must be available to do research Summer 2024
6. Intention to pursue and complete a Ph.D.

### How to Apply

If you meet the eligibility requirements listed above, you are encouraged to apply!

1. Complete all components of the TRiO McNair Scholars Program Application (e.g., student information, dependency status, self-assessment, degree plan, essay questions and appropriate signatures).
2. Attach a copy of your most current *unofficial* CSULB transcript (accessed via MyCSULB).
3. Sign and submit the completed TRiO McNair Scholars Program Application and supplemental documents as a PDF file to [mcnair@csulb.edu](mailto:mcnair@csulb.edu). If you need assistance creating a PDF file, please email [mcnair@csulb.edu](mailto:mcnair@csulb.edu).

### Priority Submission Date

To be considered for program admittance, a completed application must be electronically submitted by **Monday, October 16, 2023 by 5pm**. Applications submitted after the deadline will be placed on the Waitlist until the following year.



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The information provided on the following program application is confidential and is used to determine your eligibility, academic need, and motivation to succeed.

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

CSULB ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Provide name used when completing CSU Apply.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

CSULB Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

CSULB email: \_\_\_\_\_@student.csulb.edu

Secondary email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Which gender do you identify with: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity (select yes or no):     Yes     No    Hispanic/Latino

Race (select all that apply):

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian                          | <input type="checkbox"/> White, non-Hispanic              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American         |   |

How did you hear about TRIO McNair? (Check all that apply)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> CAMP                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> University Honors Program                  | <input type="checkbox"/> CSULB College Advising Center         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TRIO (Upward Bound, ETS, SSS, etc.)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend/ CSULB Classmate               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Center                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty Member: _____                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Class or Club presentation                 |  |

Are you currently participating in any other research program at CSULB? (Check all that apply):

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> UROP                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Honors       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUILD (Cannot be in BUILD & McNair) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rise         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MARC                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LSAMP                               |                                       |

**PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY**

**RESIDENCY**

Yes  No I am a U.S. Citizen

SSN number: XXX - XX - \_\_\_\_\_  
Provide the last four digits of your social security number.

Yes  No I am a Permanent Resident

A-Registration number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Provide the number listed on your permanent resident card.

**GENERATION STATUS**

- Yes     No    My MOTHER earned a 4-year college degree  
 Yes     No    My FATHER earned a 4-year college degree

Which parent did you regularly reside with and receive support from until you were 18 years old:  
 Mother     Father     Both     None

**CSULB ENROLLMENT**

- Yes  No I am currently enrolled as an undergraduate student at CSULB.
- Yes  No I will have completed at least 60 undergraduate units (transfer units included) by the end of this academic year.
- Yes  No I have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 (My current cumulative GPA = \_\_\_\_\_)
- Yes  No I will graduate on or after Fall 2024 (semester & year=\_\_\_\_\_)

**OTHER PROGRAMS**

- Yes  No I am currently participating with the CSULB Educational Opportunity Program (EOP).
- Yes  No I am currently participating with CSULB Student Support Services Program (SSSP).

**EXTRACURRICULAR**

- Yes  No I am currently participating in 1 or more clubs/organizations (how many \_\_\_\_\_).
- Yes  No I am currently employed on campus (number of hours/week=\_\_\_\_\_).
- Yes  No I am currently employed off campus (number of hours/ week=\_\_\_\_\_).
- Yes  No I currently volunteer in my community (number of hours/week=\_\_\_\_\_).

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- Yes  No I have research experience working with a CSULB professor OR community college professor (semester/s=\_\_\_\_\_).

Please list potential professors you wish to work with should you participate in the McNair Scholars Program. Please note that any CSULB professor can be a McNair faculty mentor.

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Professor Name: _____ | 1. Professor Department: _____ |
| 2. Professor Name: _____ | 2. Professor Department: _____ |
| 3. Professor Name: _____ | 3. Professor Department: _____ |



**DEPENDENCY STATUS**

Answer yes or no to the following statements to determine if you are an independent or dependent student.

- Yes  No I am less than 18 years of age and have no parents or guardians.
- Yes  No I will be at least 24 years old by December 31<sup>st</sup> of this academic year.
- Yes  No I am married.
- Yes  No I have children or other dependents (other than a spouse) who receive more than half of their support from me.
- Yes  No At some point after turning 13 years of age; I was an orphan, in foster care, or a ward of the court.
- Yes  No Prior to reaching 18 years of age, I was an emancipated minor or had a court-appointed legal guardian.
- Yes  No I am serving on active duty (for other than training purposes) in the U.S. Armed Forces.
- Yes  No I am a U.S. Armed Forces Veteran who was on active duty and was released under a condition OTHER than dishonorable.
- Yes  No I am homeless, lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, or am at risk of becoming homeless.

**Table 2: Independent or Dependent Student Determination**

<input type="checkbox"/> I answered <b>YES to ANY</b> of the above statements. This means I am an <b>INDEPENDENT STUDENT</b> . I must answer the questions below about <b>MY income/taxes</b> .	<input type="checkbox"/> I answered <b>NO to ALL</b> the above statements. This means I am a <b>DEPENDENT STUDENT</b> . My <b>PARENTS/GUARDIANS</b> must answer the questions about their income/taxes.
<p><b>What is the total number of persons (including you) in your family?</b> _____</p> <p><i>include yourself, spouse (if married), and any other individuals claimed on <b>YOUR</b> taxes.</i></p> <p>What was <b>YOUR</b> filing status and income last year? <i>(Check one and provide requested income information)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>I FILED</b> a federal income tax return last year in the state of: _____ <b>AND MY TAXABLE INCOME*</b> (not Total Income) was \$ _____</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>I DID NOT FILE</b> a federal income tax return for the last calendar year, but my <b>TOTAL INCOME</b> was \$ _____</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>I HAD NO</b> taxable income* during the last calendar year</li> </ul>	<p><b>What is the total number of persons (including you) in my PARENTS/GUARDIANS family?</b> _____</p> <p><i>include yourself, your parents, and any other individuals claimed on your <b>PARENTS/GUARDIANS</b> taxes.</i></p> <p>What was your <b>PARENTS/GUARDIANS</b> filing status and income last year? <i>(Check one and provide requested income information)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> My <b>PARENTS/GUARDIANS FILED</b> a federal income tax return last year in the state of: _____ <b>AND THEIR TAXABLE INCOME*</b> (not Total Income) was \$ _____</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> My <b>PARENTS/GUARDIANS DID NOT FILE</b> a federal income tax return for the last calendar year, but their <b>TOTAL INCOME</b> was \$ _____</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>MY PARENTS/GUARDIANS HAD NO</b> taxable income* during the last calendar year</li> </ul>



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**SELF-ASSESSMENT**

**Services that may interest and/or benefit you? (check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic and Career Advising        | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship and Financial Aid Advising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campus Services and Resources Info  | <input type="checkbox"/> Study Skills/Test-Taking Skills        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Class Registration/Schedule Changes | <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate research opportunities   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate School Advising/Planning   | <input type="checkbox"/> CSULB Faculty mentorship               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Major Selection/Degree Plan         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Money Management                    |   |

**What motivates you to stay in school and pursue a Ph.D.? (check all that apply):**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-improvement/Growth           | <input type="checkbox"/> Meaningful Career Path                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make a Difference for my Family   | <input type="checkbox"/> Excited to Learn New Things                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make a Difference in my Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Expand My Network of Professionals/Faculty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Become a Role Model               | <input type="checkbox"/> Build Leadership Skills                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Future Employment/Career          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                |

**What obstacles do you face, or anticipate, when pursuing a Ph.D.? (check all that apply):**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Navigating Campus Procedures/Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Access to Technology for School        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Issues                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Focus and Attention                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Work/Employment Schedule               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Procrastination                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/Language Issues               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided Career Path                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Finding Friends/Community              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Responsibilities               | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Opportunities               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Environment                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-confidence                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Issues                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Long term motivation to stay in school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Issues                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                            |



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**CSULB Degree Plan**

To the best of your ability, please include all remaining coursework for CSULB degree completion. *You can refer to MyCSULB degree planner to review course requirements.* Please note that McNair requires a summer research methods course UHP 496 (3 units).

Spring 2024:

Fall 2024:

Fall 2025:

Summer 2024:
*McNair/UHP 496 (3 units)

Spring 2025:

Spring 2026:

Summer 2025:

Summer 2026:



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**PROGRAM INTEREST STATEMENT**

On a separate piece of paper, please answer the following 4 questions. No page limit or maximum, however please be reflective and thorough and provide your response in Times New Roman, double-spaced in 12-point font. You have the option of including the questions in your response. You can answer the questions in an essay format or respond to each question separately. Please be sure to include your name and student ID on your attached response.

1. Describe a challenge or any barriers that you have faced in your pursuit of higher education. What motivated you to persist, and how did you overcome them?
2. Why do you want to pursue a PhD and how can the McNair Scholars Program help you achieve this goal?
3. Briefly describe any experience you have with undergraduate research OR any research experience in the classroom (e.g. what was the purpose of your research, who did you work with, what was your role, what did you learn, etc?).
4. Please describe your research interests (e.g. what do you plan on studying/researching in the near future?).

**AFFIDAVIT OF TRUTH AND CERTIFICATION OF RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

1. My answers on this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
2. I hereby authorize the release of my student academic records to the McNair Scholars Program staff for the purposes of assessing my need for services, monitoring academic progress, evaluating program effectiveness, fulfilling program-reporting requirements, and advocating on my behalf with CSULB campus partners.
3. I understand that meeting minimum eligibility requirements is not a guarantee of my acceptance into the McNair Scholars Program.

**My signature below acknowledges agreement to and understanding of the 3 statements above.** You may include an electronic signature using Adobe Acrobat. You can download Adobe products for free as a CSULB student. You may also print, sign and scan. If you are having a difficult time accessing a scanner, we recommend printing and signing page 6 and take a picture of the entire page and email it with the rest of your materials.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are a DEPENDENT student (refer to page 4) your parent/guardian must also sign this application.**

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_