



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)
 - b. For more details on eligibility, please see [U.S. Department of Education Federal Regulations](#).
5. Must be available to participate fully in the Summer Research Internship Program Summer 2027
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.
3. Sign and submit the completed TRiO McNair Scholars Program Application and supplemental documents as a PDF file to mcnair@csulb.edu. If you need assistance creating a PDF file, please email mcnair@csulb.edu.
4. Submit your completed application by indicated deadline on the website.



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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: ____/____/____

Gender: _____

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

Race (select all that apply):

American Indian/Alaskan Native
Asian
Black/African American

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
White, non-Hispanic

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

CAMP
University Honors Program
TRIO (Student Support Services, Upward Bound, ETS, etc.)
Veterans Center
Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program
Class or Club presentation

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
CSULB College Advising Center
Friend/ CSULB Classmate
Faculty Member: _____
Other: _____

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

UROP
BUILD
MMUF

Honors
PREM
Other: _____

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

RESIDENCY

Yes No I am a U.S. Citizen

Yes No I am a Permanent Resident

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

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 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=_____).
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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: _____ |

Highly Encouraged but optional: Please list a professor or work supervisor that would be willing to complete a brief recommendation form on your behalf that will be sent to them by McNair staff:

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| 1. Professor Name: _____ | 1. Professor Email: _____ |
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DEPENDENCY STATUS

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

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| 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 st 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

I answered <u>YES to ANY</u> of the above statements. This means I am an INDEPENDENT STUDENT . I must answer the questions below about MY income/taxes .	I answered <u>NO to ALL</u> the above statements. This means I am a DEPENDENT STUDENT . My <u>PARENTS/GUARDIANS</u> must answer the questions about their income/taxes.
What is the total number of persons (including you) in your family? _____ <i>include yourself, spouse (if married), and any other individuals claimed on <u>YOUR</u> taxes.</i> What was YOUR filing status and income last year? (Check one and provide requested income information) I FILED a federal income tax return last year in the state of: _____ AND MY TAXABLE INCOME* (not Total Income) was \$ _____ I DID NOT FILE a federal income tax return for the last calendar year, but my TOTAL INCOME was \$ _____ I HAD NO taxable income* during the last calendar year	What is the total number of persons (including you) in my PARENTS/GUARDIANS family? _____ <i>include yourself, your parents, and any other individuals claimed on your <u>PARENTS/GUARDIANS</u> taxes.</i> What was your PARENTS/GUARDIANS filing status and income last year? (Check one and provide requested income information) My PARENTS/GUARDIANS FILED a federal income tax return last year in the state of: _____ AND THEIR TAXABLE INCOME* (not Total Income) was \$ _____ My PARENTS/GUARDIANS DID NOT FILE a federal income tax return for the last calendar year, but their TOTAL INCOME was \$ _____ MY PARENTS/GUARDIANS HAD NO taxable income* during the last calendar year



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SELF-ASSESSMENT

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

Academic and Career Advising
Campus Services and Resources Info
Class Registration/Schedule Changes
Graduate School Advising/Planning
Major Selection/Degree Plan
Money Management

Scholarship and Financial Aid Advising
Study Skills/Test-Taking Skills
Undergraduate research opportunities
CSULB Faculty mentorship
Other _____

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

Self-improvement/Growth
Make a Difference for my Family
Make a Difference in my Community
Become a Role Model
Future Employment/Career

Meaningful Career Path
Excited to Learn New Things
Expand My Network of Professionals/Faculty
Build Leadership Skills
Other _____

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

Navigating Campus Procedures/Services
Anxiety
Focus and Attention
Procrastination
Undecided Career Path
Family Responsibilities
Home Environment
Transportation Issues
Housing Issues

Access to Technology for School
Financial Issues
Work/Employment Schedule
Cultural/Language Issues
Finding Friends/Community
Leadership Opportunities
Self-confidence
Long term motivation to stay in school
Other _____



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.*

Fall 2028
(Units) Class Name
Spring 2029
(Units) Class Name
Summer 2029
(Units) Class Name



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PROGRAM INTEREST STATEMENT

Please submit a typed response to the four questions below. There is no minimum or maximum page requirement; however, we encourage you to be thoughtful, reflective and thorough in your responses. You may either respond to each question separately or integrate your responses in an essay. Including the questions within your document is optional. Please use 12-point font, double-spaced, Times New Roman. Please include your full name and student ID as a header on each page.

1. Tell us about an experience that has been meaningful in your educational journey. How has it shaped your perspectives, goals, and motivation to continue your academic pursuits?
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: _____