

*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. 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 the TRiO McNair Scholars Program Application.
2. Attach a copy of your most current *unofficial* CSULB transcript (accessed via MyCSULB).
3. Attach a copy of your degree plan or education plan clearly showing the classes you have remaining until graduation. You can find this information from MyCSULB degree planner, use advisor/college templates, or create your own plan.
4. Submit the completed TRiO McNair Scholars Program Application and supplemental documents as a PDF file to [mcnair@csulb.edu](mailto:mcnair@csulb.edu).

### Priority Submission Date

To be considered for program admittance, a completed application must be submitted by **Monday, Jan 25, 2021 by 5pm**. Applications submitted after the deadline will be placed on the Waitlist until the following year.



**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 = \_                      )

**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).

**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**

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> .	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> <p><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 \$</p> <p><b>I DID NOT FILE</b> a federal income tax return for the last calendar year, but my <b>TOTAL INCOME</b> was \$</p> <p><b>I HAD NO</b> taxable income* during the last calendar year</p>	<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> <p>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 \$</p> <p>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 \$</p> <p><b>MY PARENTS/GUARDIANS HAD NO</b> taxable income* during the last calendar year</p>

\* Taxable income is found on federal tax returns.

**SELF-ASSESSMENT**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**PROGRAM INTEREST STATEMENT**

On a separate piece of paper, please answer the following 5 questions in no more than 1,000 words (approximately 3 pages, double-spaced in 12-point font). You have the option of including the questions in your response. The questions do not count towards your word limit. 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. **Briefly describe your participation 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?). **Please describe your research interests** (e.g. what do you plan on studying/researching in the near future?).
2. **Tell us what motivates you to complete a Ph.D. program.**
3. **What Ph.D. program(s) and institution(s) are you most interested in and why?**
4. **Describe a challenge or conflict you foresee as you prepare for a doctoral degree and how you plan to address it.**
5. **How can the McNair Scholars Program help support your research interests and future academic goals?**

**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 3) your parent/guardian must also sign this application.**

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

**Reference list:** Please list a strong professional or academic reference:

Name

email:

phone number: