



Dear Prospective Scholar:

The McNair Scholars Program invites applicants for the summer 2022 cohort. The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program is a U.S. Department of Education funded TRIO program. The program seeks students who are current juniors (graduating Fall 2020 or Spring 2021 or later) and who are considering going to graduate school directly after earning a BGSU Bachelor's degree. The McNair program prepares students for graduate studies by providing opportunities to engage in paid research and to develop the skills and student/faculty mentor relationships critical to success at the graduate/doctoral level.

Eligible students must be either (1) first-generation and economically disadvantaged OR (2) from a group underrepresented at the doctoral level as designated by the U.S. Department of Education (African-American/Black, Latino/a, Native American or Pacific Islander). The McNair staff can help you determine if you are eligible.

Being named a McNair Scholar is both an honor and a responsibility, as there are no more than 15 Scholars selected for the program each year. McNair Scholars must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.9, and have accumulated at least 45 semester hours. Applicants should be interested and able to participate in an undergraduate research project at BGSU during the summer of 2021 and to complete other preparatory activities for graduate school. A stipend and housing will be provided. Potential Scholars will be evaluated according to information supplied on the completed application, recommendations, prior academic performance, and an interview.

If you are interested, please 1) complete the following application, 2) provide a copy of either your parent(s) or your own 2019 federal tax return, 3) obtain two letters of recommendation (forms attached to this letter), 4) send us your transcript; and 5) write an essay outlining your academic and career goals, including your graduate plans, and why you would like to be a McNair Scholar.

Should you have questions or require further information, please visit the McNair webpage at www.bgsu.edu/mcnair or contact Vicki Ampiauw at vampiauw@bgsu.edu or Gray Strain at gstrain@bgsu.edu.

Please complete the application, save it to your desktop, and email it to Nancy Rife at nrife@bgsu.edu. We look forward to reviewing your application!



RONALD E. MCNAIR

Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program

Participant Application Packet

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I.: _____

SSN*: _____ BGSU ID#: _____ DOB: _____

(*REQUIRED: used for reporting purposes only as required by the US Dept of Education and kept confidential. **Please DO NOT put your SSN on this form. A McNair admin will contact the applicant for this information.)

Your Local Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Preferred Phone # _____ Email Address: _____

Permanent or Parental Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Permanent or Parental Phone # _____

Citizenship: U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident

Gender: Male Female

Resident Alien # (if applicable): _____

of People in household: _____

Please provide a copy of your alien registration card.

Ethnicity:

- African American/Black (other than Hispanic)
- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Hispanic/Latino/a
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- White
- Other _____

Enrollment Status:

- Full-time
- Part-time

Disability: Yes No

If yes, please describe:

Past TRIO Participation:

- Yes
- No

If past TRIO participation, which program? _____

Mark ALL statements that best describe your first-generation college student status:

- Neither of your natural or adoptive parent(s) have received a four-year college degree.
- You are from a single-parent household and lived with a parent prior to the age of 18, and that parent has not received a four-year college degree.
- You were an orphan or ward of the court.
- None of these statements apply.

List all financial assistance you are currently receiving, including scholarships: *(Attach additional pages if necessary)*

Academic standing you will have at *beginning* of upcoming Fall Semester: Sophomore Junior Senior
Planned semester for graduation: _____

Major Course of Study: _____

Minor(s): _____

Cumulative: Credit Hours _____ Grade Point Average _____

Major: Credit Hours _____ Grade Point Average _____

List academic distinctions, leadership activities, and/or honorary achievements: *(Attach additional pages if necessary)*

Which of the following best describes your commitment to attend graduate school? *Check one*

- I am thinking about going to graduate school and would like to explore my options.
- I am going to graduate school after working one or two years.
- I have made a firm commitment to attend graduate school immediately after receiving the bachelor's degree, but it will be dependent on financial assistance.
- I have made a firm commitment to attend graduate school immediately after receiving the bachelor's degree, with or without financial assistance.
- I have made a firm commitment to get a master's degree, but I am unsure about the PhD.
- I have made a firm commitment to attend graduate school and complete a doctorate degree.

Intended Discipline of Study: _____

Doctorate of Philosophy – PhD Master's Degree – MA or MS Other _____

List the graduate schools you are interested in attending: *(Attach additional pages if necessary)*

Institution City State

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Identify your preferences for a research area:

1. _____

2. _____

How did you hear about the McNair Program?

Please list your references:

Name	Title	Email	Phone
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Complete the following checklist to ensure you have submitted all information required to receive full consideration.

Participant Application Packet (these forms, completed accurately)

Essay

Please write an essay outlining your academic and career goals, research interest, plans to attain a doctorate degree, your reason for wanting to participate in the McNair Program and your desire to teach at the college level or conduct scholarly research. Essay must be typed, a minimum of 300 words, and well-written. Excessive grammatical errors will affect participant's eligibility.

Pre-Needs Survey (*found on following pages*)

Two (2) Student Recommendation Forms (*included in this application packet*)

At least one must be completed by a teaching faculty member in your department and the other may be completed by an academic advisor, college counselor, or work supervisor. If you are or were a participant of another TRIO program, one from your counselor or director of that program.

Official college transcript (*you can request free from MyBGSU and have it sent to yourself or to the McNair*

Program) Copy of your or your parent(s) filed 2019 U.S. income tax documents **MUST BE SIGNED AND**

DATED!

*Dependent students are required to submit their parents' information; independent students are required to submit their own personal information. Dependency status determined by Federal Aid regulations. **Please ask us if you have any questions and we can help clarify!!***

I certify that all the information, including financial and family documentation, provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the McNair Program and Student Support Services to have access to my school records, which will include my SSN, and understand that these records may be used for program purposes only.

Signature

Date



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Pre-Needs Survey

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I.: _____

____ I. Graduate School Programming and Planning (Check mark the response)

1=strongly disagree 2=disagree 3=neutral 4=agree 5=strongly agree

1. I am knowledgeable about graduate school admission requirements.

1 2 3 4 5

2. I am familiar with research methodology and its applications.

1 2 3 4 5

3. I am familiar with teaching careers at the college level.

1 2 3 4 5

4. I have written research reports and made presentations at conferences/symposiums.

1 2 3 4 5

5. I am familiar with the steps of writing for publication.

1 2 3 4 5

6. I am knowledgeable about financial aid sources to pay for graduate school.

1 2 3 4 5

7. I am aware of the steps in obtaining a doctorate degree (PhD or EdD).

1 2 3 4 5

8. I am familiar with "networking" and "mentoring" and its impact on my professionalism.

1 2 3 4 5

9. I am aware of graduate study tenets and how to manage tasks to reach my goals.

1 2 3 4 5

II. Related Graduate School Planning

1. I am comfortable with writing personal statements, vitae, and resumes.

1 2 3 4 5

2. I am familiar with how to apply for graduate assistantships.

1 2 3 4 5

3. I am familiar with strategies in developing critical thinking skills.

1 2 3 4 5

4. I am aware of the GRE, its contents, and test preparation resources.

1 2 3 4 5

III. Specific Skill Development (Mark the skill(s), which you feel **LEAST** comfortable with)

- Computer Skills
- Library research
- Time Management
- Test Taking
- Research (hands-on)
- Research Paper Development
- Statistical Analysis
- Presentation Skills

Please describe any computing skills you may have.

IV. Research Skills (Identify the item(s) you are familiar with)

- Research Methodology
- Reviewing Literature
- Sampling
- Measurement
- Experimental Design
- Understanding Statistics

V. Personal-Social Development

Listed below are a number of areas of your life that may influence your studies and your work as a student. Identify the item(s) you may need to receive assistance or counseling for by marking them.

Key Areas of Need:	Relationships (interpersonal):	Relationships (campus):
Insurance	Parents	Student and/or peers
Employment	Spouse	Roommate
Child-care	Children	Faculty/Professors
Budgeting Skills	Siblings	Administrators
Housing	Friend(s)	
Transportation	Significant Other	

VI. Additional Information (optional)

If there are any other academic or social areas that you would like assistance with that have not been included in the above questions, please list them below:



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Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program Student Recommendation Form



Student Application – Please complete the following information. Type or print legibly.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I.: _____

I hereby waive do not waive my right to have access to this recommendation as so indicated by my signature below. I understand that this waiver will not affect my admission or my ability to receive any services provided by the McNair Program.

Signature

Date

The following section is to be completed by the recommender.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity? _____

Please evaluate the following qualities of the applicant by marking the appropriate responses.

	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unable to Judge
Open-mindedness					
Perseverance					
Dependability					
Emotional Maturity					
Oral Expression					
Written Expression					
Work Independently					
Cooperative					
Motivation/Initiative					
Intellectual ability					

Please rate the applicant's potential to:

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Enroll in graduate school					
Attain a master's degree					
Attain a doctorate degree					
Be a teacher/professor					
Be a researcher					

For teachers/professors of applicant only:

I would rank this applicant in approximately the top _____ % of undergraduate students I have taught in the last five years.

Recommendation concerning selection for program: Check one

- I recommend the applicant with confidence.
- I recommend the applicant.
- I recommend the applicant with reservation. *Please explain in additional comments area.*
- I do not recommend the applicant. *Please explain in additional comments area.*

Please provide additional comments and/or assessments of the applicant's potential for success in graduate school. Include particular strengths and areas of improvement. We appreciate your candid appraisal.

Continue on separate page if necessary.

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Company/Department: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please email to gstrain@bgsu.edu

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