

# McNair Scholars

## 2017-2018 Application Form

**Deadline for applications: February 28, 2018**

*The mission of the TRIO Ronald E. McNair Program (McNair) at UGA is to assist participants in achieving their academic potential, gaining valuable life skills and expanding cultural horizons through one-on-one interactions and group activities, and earning a Doctoral degree. TRIO McNair is a federally funded program under the U.S. Department of Education that aids disadvantaged college students with effective preparation for doctoral studies. Program participants must meet certain requirements set forth by the Department of Education: (1) Income (2) Underrepresented group in graduate education (3) Interested in participating in research. TRIO McNair wants program participants who are motivated to make full use of TRIO services and graduate and go on to doctoral programs.*  
*Funded by USDE*

*“Whether or not you reach your goals in life depends entirely on how well you prepare for them and how badly you want them.” Dr. Ronald E. McNair*

### **TO QUALIFY YOU MUST BE:**

1. A first-generation college student (neither parent completed a bachelor’s degree or, if you only lived with one parent, he/she did not receive a degree) AND meet federal income guidelines

**OR**

A member of a group that is underrepresented in graduate education: African American, Hispanic, Native American

**AND ARE**

2. A United States citizen or permanent resident
3. Completing your 2nd or 3rd year
4. Maintaining a GPA of at least 3.0

### **MAIL ALL INFORMATION AND DIRECT QUESTIONS TO:**

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UGA TRIO McNair Scholars Program  
124 Milledge Hall  
Athens, GA 30602

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### **How to Apply?**

**Read the entire information packet carefully**

**Complete the entire application (reference information, essay and financial information)**

**UGA TRIO McNair Scholars Staff will contact you for an interview**

***Note: Do not apply if you cannot participate in scheduled program events.***



## II. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

To complete the application and admission process, the following information must be provided:

- Tax forms (1040A, 1040 or 1040EZ) for previous year. (If you are under 24 years of age, you must submit your parent's tax forms)
- An official document that verifies your current household income status (i.e. letter stating unemployment, TANF, SSI, etc. benefits) and a copy of your financial aid form (i.e. your FAFSA) that you have submitted to the Federal Education Department that has your income information included.

**OR**

A signed statement regarding income from independent student or parent (including number of people in your household)

I regularly resided with and received support from:  both parents  mother only  father only  legal guardian

Provide the following information only for the parent(s) or guardian with whom you regularly resided:

Name of Mother/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
First MI Last

Her Highest Grade of Education Completed: <8 9 10 11 12 Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate

Name of Father/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
First MI Last

His Highest Grade of Education Completed: <8 9 10 11 12 Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate

**ARE YOU A FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT?**

Yes

No

(First-generation college student: neither parent has a bachelor's degree or, if you regularly resided with and received support from only one parent, *that* parent did not complete a bachelor's degree.)

**IF YOUR PARENTS CLAIM YOU AS A DEPENDENT:**

Including you, how many people are in their household? \_\_\_\_\_

On their **last year** income tax form, what is their **Total Taxable Income**? \_\_\_\_\_  
(line 43 of 1040, line 6 on 1040EZ, line 27 on 1040A)

**IF YOU ARE A FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT STUDENT:**

Including yourself, how many people in your household are financially dependent on you? \_\_\_\_\_

On your **last year** income tax form, what is your **Total Taxable Income**? \_\_\_\_\_  
(line 43 of 1040, line 6 on 1040EZ, line 27 on 1040A)

**ARE YOU RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID?**  Yes  No If yes, specify type of aid: \_\_\_\_\_

**ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN?**  Yes  No

If not, do you have permanent resident status?  Yes, Registration # \_\_\_\_\_  No

**RACIAL/ETHNIC BACKGROUND:**

- American Indian/Alaskan  African American/Black
- Caucasian/White  Hispanic/Latino
- Hawaiian/Pacific Islander  Asian

### III. TRACKING

UGA TRIO McNair Scholars Program is responsible for tracking students until they attain their Ph.D./Ed.D.

Please list contact information of at least three family members who are not included in this application (Ex: sibling (s), aunt, uncle, etc.)

1.

<b>Full Name:</b>	<b>Relationship:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	

2.

<b>Full Name:</b>	<b>Relationship:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	

3.

<b>Full Name:</b>	<b>Relationship:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	

Please list your username on the following social sites:

Facebook: \_\_\_\_\_ Twitter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Instagram: \_\_\_\_\_ Snapchat: \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. INTERESTS

Are you available for a Research Internship during the summer?  Yes  No

Do you have a current research topic that you are interested in  Yes  No

If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

UGA TRIO McNair Scholars conduct research under the guidance of a UGA faculty member. If a professor has already agreed to serve as your mentor, please enter their information (name, email, phone)

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UGA TRIO McNair Scholars program will require an ample amount of time. Are you involved in any clubs/organizations, internships/activities that will prevent you from fulfilling your obligations?  Yes  No

Your areas of need: (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate School Preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate School Research        | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Program Selection  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Aid Advising      | <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Advising               | <input type="checkbox"/> Career Counseling           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Study Skills                | <input type="checkbox"/> GRE Preparation                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Test-Taking Skills          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring Relationships     | <input type="checkbox"/> Tutoring                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Counseling         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Internships          | <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars/Educational activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Exposure to cultural events |

If tutoring, please list the subjects that you feel you need tutoring in: \_\_\_\_\_

## V. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS

**A. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.** Three letters are required, two should come from *faculty members, with at least one from your major*, who can best assess your ability for academic research, your confidence, and your motivation to attend graduate school. One should be personal. They may use the form included in this application packet. **Please ask each recommender to send the letter/form directly to McNair Scholars Program, University of Georgia, 124 Milledge Hall, Athens, GA 30602-1550 Attn: Sherontae Maxwell or email to sbolden@uga.edu, by February 28, 2018.** List the names, titles addresses, and telephone/fax numbers of your three recommenders:

Name	Title	Address	Telephone
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**B.** In the space provided, if applicable, please give the name, title address, and telephone number of the person(s) who first encouraged you to apply to the McNair Scholars Program. If you are self-referred, please tell us how you heard about the program.

Name	Title	Address	Telephone
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*How you became aware of the UGA TRIO McNair program:* \_\_\_\_\_

**C. PERSONAL STATEMENT.** On no more than 2 typewritten pages (double spaced), please write your personal statement. Be sure to include information listed below. Be specific and concise.

- Who are you? (How does your personal background and attributes match your desire to obtain research experience and graduate school preparation?)
- What are your graduate education goals, your motivation for pursuing a doctorate degree and educational and career goals?
- What research topics/fields/departments are of interest to you?
- List prior research experience, if any, identifying the research, your supervisor, and where the research took place
- What are your work standards (include punctuality, ethics, discipline, and ability to persevere although results may not be readily apparent)?
- Why should you be selected to be a McNair Scholar?

**D. HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN ANY OF THESE TRIO PROGRAMS:**

- Talent Search    
  Upward Bound    
  Student Support Services    
  McNair

**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

*My signature below indicates that all information is true and accurate. It also authorizes TRIO McNair to (1) communicate with the person(s) listed concerning my educational pursuit and attainment, including grades; and (2) use my photo or likeness in publications and other promotional materials; and (3) access my UGA academic and student financial aid records for the purpose of verifying my project eligibility and assisting me academically; and (4) I authorize UGA McNair to access records at any post-baccalaureate institutions that I may attend in the future to request, copies of academic, enrollment, and financial assistance records.*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(An original signature *must* be on file. Please be sure to forward original application if initial application is faxed.)