McNair Scholars
Application

Deadline: January 27, 2019

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 PhD. 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.

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“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:

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

Phone: 706-542-7640 | Fax: 706-583-8246 | E-Mail: sbolden@uga.edu

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.
I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name __________________________________________

.  First MI Last

Current Resident Hall or Local Address__________________________________________

(Street and number or P.O. Box)

City  State  Zip Code

Permanent/Home Address______________________________________________

(Street and number or P.O. Box)

City  State  Zip Code

Local Phone: ____________________________________ Mobile Phone Number: ___________________________

UGA Email: ________________________________ Personal/Other email: ___________________________

Date of Birth __________________ Place of Birth ____________________________

Mo/day/yr.  City  State  Nation

Social Security # ____________________ First date of undergraduate enrollment __________________________

UGA 81x# __________________________ Gender: □ Male □ Female □ ________________

Marital Status: □ Single □ Married □ Divorced □ Separated □ Widowed

Expected Date of Graduation with a Bachelor’s Degree: ________________________________

Major: __________________ Minor: ____________________

Do you want to earn a Ph.D.? ______________________________

Current GPA: __________ Total credits completed as of today’s date: ____________________
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

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More than one ethnic origin (Please specify)  ________________________________  3
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. 
Full Name: ___________________________ Relationship: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________
Phone: ___________________________

2. 
Full Name: ___________________________ Relationship: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________
Phone: ___________________________

3. 
Full Name: ___________________________ Relationship: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________
Phone: ___________________________

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)

____________________________________________________________________________________________

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):
□ Graduate School Preparation □ Graduate School Research □ Graduate Program Selection
□ Financial Aid Advising □ Academic Advising □ Career Counseling
□ Study Skills □ GRE Preparation □ Test-Taking Skills
□ Mentoring Relationships □ Tutoring □ Academic Counseling
□ Summer Internships □ Seminars/Educational activities □ Exposure to cultural events

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

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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:

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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.

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.)