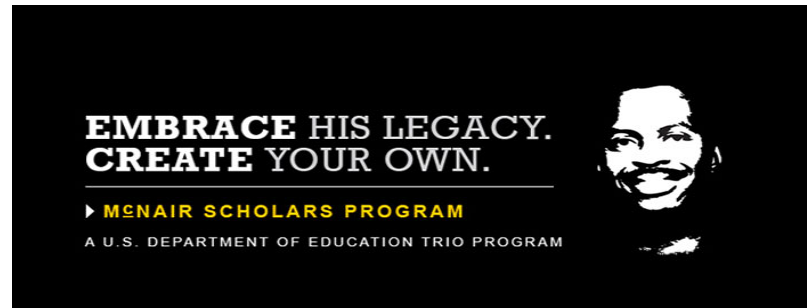


McNair Research Scholars Application 2015–2016



Welcome to the application for the 2015–2016 LSU McNair Research Scholars Program. We appreciate your interest in the program.

LSU's Ronald E. McNair Research Scholars program promotes a new cohort of scholars that more accurately reflects the emergent diversity in life experiences, cultures and perspectives represented in academia by preparing students who are first-generation and low-income or ethnically underrepresented in graduate education for doctoral studies. We connect undergraduate students with faculty-directed research experiences, provide individualized advisement, and foster knowledge of the graduate school application process. Funded by a federal grant from the US Department of Education TRIO programs, McNair Research Scholars conduct research under the mentorship of some of the most distinguished faculty in the country and communicate the results of their work through publications and workshops.

Before you begin the application please be prepared to answer questions about the following information

Your contact information

Your parent/guardian contact information

Highest level of education of your parents

Taxable income information from the last income tax year for your parent/guardian (Taxable income is most often found in the locations: IRS Form: 1040 – Line 43, 1040 A – Line 27, 1040EZ – Line 6)

Responses are confidential and for applicant evaluation purposes only. Responses are also encrypted and maintained according to state and federal regulations.

Please direct any questions about the application to julie@lsu.edu

STATEMENT OF PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

The LSU McNair Research Scholars Program is a federally funded TRIO program designed to enhance the educational success of:

Full-time LSU students whose parents do not have four-year college degrees and have a financial need in funding their education (financial need is determined by taxable income and typically aligns with Pell Grant eligibility)

AND

Students who identify with an ethnic heritage typically underrepresented in graduate education

All students are welcome to apply, but selections will consider students who meet either criteria described above.

RESIDENCY CRITERIA

A student is eligible to participate in a McNair project if the student meets all the following requirements:

- (1) Is a citizen or national of the United States; or
- (2) Is a permanent resident of the United States; or
- (3) Is in the United States for other than a temporary purpose and provides evidence from the Immigration and Naturalization Service of his or her intent to become a permanent resident; or
- (4) Is a permanent resident of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; or
- (5) Is a resident of one of the Freely Associated States.

YEAR OF STUDY

Sophomores and Juniors

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

2.8 or higher

MAJOR

All majors

GRADUATE SCHOOL GOALS

The McNair Program is focused on assistance for graduate school preparation in a research related field, therefore potential applicants who are focused on medical school, law school, or other related professional practice field are encouraged to seek out the many other opportunities available to assist in those fields.

If you have questions about your eligibility, please contact Joseph Givens, givens@lsu.edu

Please continue to the next page to begin the application.

I. Applicant Information

Name *

First

Last

Date of Birth *

Address *

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code

Country

LSU Student ID # *

Cell Phone Number *

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Phone Number

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LSU Email Address *

Alternate Email

On your LSU application, what is your home state? *

What is your ethnicity? (Please select all that apply) *

- Native American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- White / Caucasian
- Other

Select your residency eligibility

- (1) Is a citizen or national of the United States
- (2) Is a permanent resident of the United States
- (3) Is in the United States for other than a temporary purpose and provides evidence from the Immigration and Naturalization Service of his or her int
- (4) Is a permanent resident of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
- (5) Is a resident of one of the Freely Associated States

If your residency eligibility you selected is choice 2,3,4 or 5, please attached documentation of proof

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II. Family and Financial Information

Statement of Confidentiality: The information contained in the application is for the purpose of determining the applicant's eligibility for the McNair Program. Information received is treated confidentially and will be maintained according to state and federal regulations.

Name of Parent or Guardian *

First Last

Parent or Guardian Email Address *

Parent or Guardian Address *

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code

Country

Do you have a second parent or guardian?

- Yes
 No

Name of Parent or Guardian (2)

First Last

Parent or Guardian Email Address (2)

Parent or Guardian Address (2)

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code

Country

Educational Attainment

The McNair Scholars Program is specifically designed to meet the needs of students whose parents have not yet attained a bachelors degree, therefore educational attainment information about your parents is required.

Educational Attainment of Father *

- High School
 Technical School
 Some College
 Four-Year Degree
 Graduate School
 The information is not available

Educational Attainment of Mother *

- High School
- Technical School
- Some College
- Four-Year Degree
- Graduate School
- The information is not available

Dependent/Independent Student

A key eligibility criteria for the McNair Program is financial need. Therefore, the applicant must disclose her or his family's TAXABLE Income.

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Please indicate whether LSU considers you an independent or dependent student. *

- Dependent: Most students under the age of 24 are considered dependent.
- Independent: Student designated independent if they are over 24. In some instances, LSU Financial Aid will designate students under 24 as independent.

If you are unsure please contact your LSU Financial Aid Advisor. The LSU Financial Aid website can be found [here](#).

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Dependent Student Financial Information

Indicate which form you will provide for income verification. *

- Signed LSU Ronald E. McNair Income Verification Form
- Signed copy of the most recent 1040 Federal Income Tax Return for your family
- Signed tax transcript from the irs.gov website

Including yourself, what was the size of your parents' household, as stated on the most recent IRS form? *

If your parent(s)/guardian(s) filed federal income taxes, please provide the TAXABLE INCOME.

Taxable income is most often found in the locations listed below:

IRS Form: 1040 - Line 43

1040 A - Line 27

1040EZ - Line 6

Please confirm that you provide only taxable income, providing other financial information (gross

income, adjusted gross income, or information from W-2 forms) could underestimate financial need and negatively impact eligibility status.

Enter Taxable Income *

Attach Verification of Taxable Income *

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Independent Student Financial Information

Only complete if you are an independent student

Did you file federal taxes for 2013? *

- Yes
 No

Please provide your TAXABLE Income.

Taxable income is most often found in the locations listed below:

IRS Form: 1040 – Line 43
1040 A – Line 27
1040EZ – Line 6

Please confirm that you provide only taxable income, providing other financial information (gross income, adjusted gross income, or information from W-2 forms) could underestimate financial need and negatively impact eligibility status.

Taxable Income *

Attach Verification of Taxable Income *

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Educational Information

When did you first enroll at a college or university? *

/ / 
MM DD YYYY

Have you attended a community college? *

- Yes
 No

What is your major(s) or area(s) of concentration?

Major 1: *

Major 2:

Anticipated Graduation Date

MM DD YYYY

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24. What is your GPA? *

- 4.1 or above
- 3.6 – 4.0
- 3.1 – 3.5
- 2.6 – 3.0
- 2.1 – 2.5
- 2.0 or below

Have you considered attending graduate school? *

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

What type of degrees have you thought about pursuing?

- Master's
- MD
- MD/Ph.D.
- Ph.D.
- Law Degree
- EDD
- Other

Please indicate if you have participated in any other TRIO program.

- Upward Bound
- Upward Bound: Math/Science
- Upward Bound: Veterans
- Student Support Services
- Educational Outreach Center
- Other

Please list any campus organizations that you are currently involved in.

Please describe any prior research experiences.

Please visit your myLSU account and arrange for a transcript to be sent by campus mail to Julie Michal, 232 Hatcher Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803. Or, you can make the request to the registrar's office in-person. To learn how to make this request visit [myLSU Portal: Transcript Request](#)

- Yes, I requested the transcript.
- No, I did not request the transcript.

Application Essay

Submit an essay (no more than 300 words and double spaced) addressing the following questions.
How does graduate school fit into your career goals? What are your educational and research interests? How do you perceive the McNair Research Scholars Program assisting you in completing college and graduate school?