McNair Scholars Program Application

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Note: You will need the names and email addresses of three references and a personal statement to complete this application. A full version of this application is available to view on our website. Please contact mcnair@uwlax.edu or 608-785-6913 if you need assistance or require an alternative version of this form.

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Hi, Adrienne. When you submit this form, the owner will see your name and email address.

Personal Statement Prompt

This is the prompt for the personal statement that you will need to upload at the end of this application:

Please provide a personal statement addressing the prompts provided. This statement should be **no more than 500 words** long.

Please discuss the following:

- your professional goals for the future;
- how graduate education and an advanced degree supports those goals;
- what you hope to gain from participation in the McNair Scholars Program;
- your interest in research;
- any prior experience you have had with undergraduate research and/or any plans you have to conduct future undergraduate research (This is not a requirement to be considered for the program);
- any prior work experience relevant to your research and/or professional goals; and
- any other information that you believe we should know when evaluating your application materials.

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Personal Data

The UWL McNair Scholars Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education. We collect the following information in order to help us determine eligibility based on the guidelines provided by the Dept. of Ed.

1. UWL Student ID *

> Enter your answer

2. First name *

> Enter your answer

3. Last name *

> Enter your answer

4. Preferred name

> Enter your answer

5. UWL email *

> Enter your answer

6. Local Address *

Please put your local address: 123 Street Apt #, City, State, Zip Code

> Enter your answer

7. Phone number *

> Enter your answer

Background Information

The UWL McNair Scholars Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education. We collect the following information in order to help us determine eligibility based on the guidelines provided by the Dept. of Ed.

Students may be determined to be eligible for the McNair Scholars Program based on underrepresented status.

8. Date of Birth *

Please input date (M/d/yyyy)

9. Gender Identity *

○ Female

○ Male

○ Non-binary

○ Prefer not to say

10. Preferred pronouns

○ she/her/hers

○ he/him/his

○ they/them/theirs

11. Marital Status *

○ Single

○ Married

○ Divorced

○ Widowed

12. Ethnicity * 🔲

Check all that apply

☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native

☐ Asian

☐ Black/African American

☐ Hispanic or Latinx

☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

☐ White (including European or Middle Eastern)

☐ | Other |

13. Citizenship Eligibility * 🔲

International students are not eligible for the McNair Scholars program. Students without U.S. citizenship or permanent residency are eligible if they can provide USCIS documentation of their intent to become a permanent resident.

○ U.S. Citizen by Birth

○ U.S. Citizen by Naturalization

○ U.S. Permanent Resident

○ Permanent Resident of the Trust Territories

○ Resident of the Freely Associated States

○ | Other |

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Family Information

One way students can be determined to be eligible is based on first-generation status and financial need. Students are eligible for McNair if their household income does not exceed 150% of the federal poverty levels established by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

When answering the following questions, please include information about the parent(s) or guardian(s) with whom you regularly resided and received support from prior to attending college.

14. Parent/Guardian #1 *

First and Last name

Enter your answer

15. Relationship to You *

Enter your answer

16. Highest level of education completed *

○ Did not complete high school

○ High school or GED

○ Some college

○ 2-year degree/Associates degree

○ Bachelor's degree or higher

17. Parent/Guardian #2

First and Last name

Enter your answer

18. Relationship to You

Enter your answer

19. Highest level of education completed

- (●) Did not complete high school
- ( ) High school or GED
- ( ) Some college
- ( ) 2-year degree/Associates degree
- ( ) Bachelor's degree or higher

20. Based on the definition below, I am a first-generation college student. *

A first-generation college student is a student whose parents or guardians (parent/guardian if primarily supported by only one) did not complete a bachelor's or 4-year college degree.

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No
- ( ) Unsure

21. Have you applied for financial aid? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

22. If yes, were you awarded financial aid? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

23. If yes, please indicate the kinds of financial aid you were awarded or for which you are eligible. *

- [ ] Pell Grant
- [ ] Work-Study
- [ ] Scholarship
- [ ] Loans
- [ ] Other

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Academic Information

24. Are you currently in school for your first bachelor's degree? *

- ◉ Yes
- ○ No

25. What is your current class standing? *

Do not include credits you are currently enrolled in.

- ○ First Year (0-29 credits)
- ◉ Sophomore (30-59 credits)
- ○ Junior (60-89 credits)
- ○ Senior (90+ credits)

26. How many credits are you currently enrolled in? *

Enter your answer

27. What is your current major(s)? *

Enter your answer

28. What is your current minor(s)? *

Enter your answer

29. What is your current cumulative GPA? *

Enter your answer

30. Have you participated in any of these programs?

Check all that apply.

- ○ First Year Research Experience (FYRE)

- ○ Student Support Services (SSS)

- ○ Upward Bound or Talent Search

- ○ Academic Success Institute (ASI)

- ○ WiscAMP

- ○ Eagle Mentoring Program (EMP)

- ○ Hekima Scholars

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Graduate Education Interest

The McNair Program is designed to support students in pursuing a graduate research program in pathways that lead to doctoral degrees. The information below is collected in order to help us determine if your future interests are a good fit for the services and support we provide for scholars. You may not be certain about your future plans (that's also something we help with), so just answer to the best of your ability and what those plans are at the moment.

31. What graduate field(s) of study are you considering? *

Enter your answer

32. What profession do you plan to pursue? *

If you aren't sure, enter "unsure."

Enter your answer

33. What degrees, licenses, or certifications do you plan to complete? *
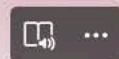
If you aren't sure, enter "unsure."

Enter your answer

34. Check all that apply. *

☐ I'm thinking about graduate school but would like help understanding my options.

☐ I plan to attend graduate school, but intend to take a year off for work/travel/etc.

☐ I plan to go to graduate school the year after I graduate from UWL but will need financial assistance.

☐ I plan to go to graduate school the year after I graduate from UWL, with or without financial assistance.

☐ I am determined to earn a Master's degree but uncertain about a PhD.

☐ I am determined to earn a PhD.

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Recommendations

The McNair Scholars Program will collect online recommendation forms from three individuals of your choosing, **two of whom must be UWL instructors**. Please list the names and email addresses of people who can assess your aptitude for research and motivation to attend graduate school.

35. Recommendation #1 *

First and Last Name

Enter your answer

36. How long and in what capacity have you known this reference? *

Enter your answer

37. #1 Email Address *

Enter your answer

38. Recommendation #2 *

First and Last Name

Enter your answer

39. How long and in what capacity have you known this reference? *

Enter your answer

40. #2 Email Address *

Enter your answer

41. Recommendation #3 * 📖

First and Last Name

Enter your answer

42. How long and in what capacity have you known this reference? * 📖

Enter your answer

43. #3 Email Address * 📖

Enter your answer

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(Non-anonymous question ⓘ) *

⤒ **Upload file**

File number limit: 1   Single file size limit: 10MB   Allowed file types: Word, PDF

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Agreement to Participate and Authorization for Release of Information

The McNair Scholars Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Acceptance into the program is contingent upon eligibility criteria and space availability.

Your application is not complete until you have signed and dated below.

45. If I am accepted into the McNair Scholars Program, I agree to the following:

   1. I will enroll in the McNair Seminar for Fall and Spring.
   2. I will complete the McNair Summer Research Internship Research Program.
   3. I will attend McNair events and programming.
   4. I will apply to a minimum of 5 graduate programs.
   5. I will be honest, respectful, and conscientious with McNair staff.

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Please type your full name below.

> Enter your answer

46. Promotional Consent

   ○ I give my consent for the McNair Scholars Program to use my photographs, videos, and testimonials to promote the program.

   ○ I do not give my consent for the McNair Scholars Program to use my photographs, videos, and testimonials to promote the program.

47. Authorization for Release of Information * 🔊

Please select 2 options.

☐ I authorize the release of academic and financial aid information to the McNair Scholars Program for 14 years from the date of my signature. I also authorize the McNair staff to obtain my student records or data pertinent to my participation from other sources and to release information, as required by law or the terms of the McNair grant, to the grant funding agency. McNair staff may communicate verbally and otherwise with staff, faculty, and/or off-campus professionals on my behalf.

☐ I understand that the information requested on this application is used to determine and report eligibility for the McNair Scholars Program under the guidelines determined by the U.S. Department of Education. Information is kept confidential.

48. My electronic signature below indicates that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided on this application is true, complete, and accurate. * 🔊

Please type your full name below.

Enter your answer

49. Today's date. * 🔊

Please input date (M/d/yyyy) 📅

☐ Send me an email receipt of my responses

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Thank you for your submission! Someone from the McNair Program will be in touch soon.

Important thing you can do next

Save my response to edit