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THE UNIVERSITY of
NEW ORLEANS

TRIO

McNair

Scholars

APPLICATION



MISSION/PURPOSE

PREPARE

. . . limited income and first generation college students or members of a group that is underrepresented in graduate education for doctoral studies.

PROVIDE

. . . involvement in research and other scholarly activities.

INCREASE

. . . the attainment of Ph.D. degrees by students from underrepresented segments of society.

LOCATION: Bicentennial Education Center Room 186
(504) 280-7050

ELIGIBILITY

- o **LIMITED INCOME** (typically needs financial assistance to be able to attend college) **and FIRST GENERATION** (neither parent completed a bachelor's degree or if you regularly reside with and receive support from only one parent, that parent did not complete a bachelor's degree)

OR

- o **MEMBER of GROUP THAT IS UNDERREPRESENTED IN GRADUATE EDUCATION** (African American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Hispanic/Latino, or Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian)

Part I: APPLICANT INFORMATION Student ID# _____ Date: _____

Last Name: _____	First: _____	Middle Initial: _____
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Social Security Number: _____

Local Address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Cell Phone Number: (____) _____ Home Telephone Number: (____) _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Emergency # (____) _____ Relationship: _____

UNO Email: _____ Personal Email: _____

Gender: Female Male Non-Binary Date of Birth: _____ Marital Status: _____

What is your race/ethnicity? (Please check all boxes that describe you.)

Hispanic/Latina/o Caucasian/White Non-Hispanic African American/Black Asian

American Indian/Alaskan Pacific Islander (Native Hawaiian/Guamanian/Samoan) Other: _____

Part II: INCOME ELIGIBILITY:

DEPENDENT STUDENT:

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

What is the total number of persons (including you) in your family? _____

My parents **taxable (not total) income** from the last calendar year? \$ _____
(line 11b of 1040)

INDEPENDENT STUDENT:

I did not reside or receive financial support from parents or legal guardians.

What is the total number of persons (including you) in your family? _____

My **taxable (not total) income** from the last calendar year? \$ _____
(line 11b of 1040)

MY FAMILY DID NOT FILE A FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN for the last calendar year. My family's total income from the last calendar year was: \$__

MY FAMILY HAD NO TAXABLE INCOME during the last calendar year.

Part III: FIRST GENERATION ELIGIBILITY

Please answer the following questions about your parents and about yourself:

Has your mother received/earned a 4-year college degree? Yes No

Has your father received/earned a 4-year college degree? Yes No

Which parent did you regularly reside with and receive support from, during your childhood (i.e., until you were 18 years old)? Mother Both Mother & Father Father Neither Mother or Father

Part IV: CITIZENSHIP INFORMATION

Are you a U.S. Citizen? YES NO (If YES, skip the next question.)

If you are not a U.S. Citizen, please answer the following questions regarding your residency status.

Are you a Permanent Resident? YES NO

What is your Permanent Resident Alien Number? A# _____

Part V: TRIO or SIMILAR PROGRAM AFFILIATION (or like programs ~mark all that apply)

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Talent Search | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Upward Bound | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Opportunity Centers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Upward Bound | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Support Services | <input type="checkbox"/> College Beyond |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Upward Bound Math-Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Disability Services | <input type="checkbox"/> GEAR UP |

Part VI: ACADEMIC STANDING

Current UNO Classification (check one): Sophomore/30+ hours Junior/60-89 hours Senior/90+ hours

Expected class standing by fall: Sophomore Junior Senior Other (specify): _____

Major GPA: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____ Department: _____

Academic Advisor: _____

Part VII: MENTOR AND SUMMER RESEARCH COMMITMENT

Please complete the UNO Mentor Match form found on the Mentor Match website of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, (<https://www.uno.edu/research/student/mentors>), and provide the name and department of two (2) UNO faculty members who you believe would be ideal mentors for your research interest.

1. _____

2. _____

Part VIII: GRADUATE SCHOOL COMMITMENT

Do you plan to apply to graduate school? Yes No

If YES, when do you anticipate attending? Fall 20__ Spring 20__ Summer 20__

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 for one or two years.
- I have made a firm commitment to attend graduate school immediately after receiving a bachelor's degree, but it will depend on available financial assistance.
- I have made a firm commitment to attend graduate school immediately after receiving a 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 a doctorate.
- DEFINITELY:** I have made a firm commitment to attend graduate school and complete a doctoral degree.

My highest degree objective is:

- Bachelor's Degree
- Master's Degree
- Other _____
- Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD)
- Doctorate of Education (EdD)
- Doctorate of Medicine/Doctorate of Philosophy (MD-PhD)

List two (2) graduate schools/programs that are of interest to you:

1. _____
Institution *Program* *City* *State*

2. _____
Institution *Program* *City* *State*

Part IX: GRADUATE SCHOOL PREPARATION

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The UNO McNair Scholars program will require an ample amount of time. Please list any clubs/organizations/internships/activities, work, or family obligations that will prevent you from fulfilling your McNair Scholars obligations?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

GRADUATE SCHOOL PREPARATION AREAS OF SUPPORT

McNair Scholars must participate in biweekly workshops, monthly advising, Summer Research, and Innovate UNO as a presenter.

Listed below are several areas that may influence your studies/work as a student. Identify the item(s) in which you may need to receive additional support. Check ALL that apply.

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strategies for Graduate School Success | <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Style Inventory | <input type="checkbox"/> Thinking & Behavioral Attributes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate School Funding | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate School Preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate School Applications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing a Personal Statement | <input type="checkbox"/> Selecting a Faculty Mentor | <input type="checkbox"/> Selecting a Research Topic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Writing Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Presenting Research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Critical Thinking Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Research Opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Networking/Professionalism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holistic Development Seminars | <input type="checkbox"/> Exposure to Cultural Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Tutoring |

TUTORING AREAS OF ASSISTANCE:

1. _____
2. _____

Part X: TRACKING

The UNO McNair Scholars program is responsible for tracking students until they attain their PhD/EdD/MD.PhD. Please list the contact information of two family members who are not included in this application. (Examples: sibling(s), aunt, uncle, etc.)

Full Name:

Relationship:

Address:

Phone:

Full Name:

Relationship:

Address:

Phone:

Part XI: FACULTY REFERENCES

Name _____ Department _____
 Name _____ Department _____

Part XII: CERTIFICATIONS AND PERMISSIONS

By signing this application:

- I attest that all the information on this application is true.
- Moreover, I hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge, that all the information submitted is complete.
- I understand that failure to disclose accurate information is grounds for dismissal from the program.
- I hereby give permission to The UNO McNair Scholars Program to obtain any and all academic information including college transcripts, acceptance, and financial aid records.
- I also give my permission to The UNO McNair Scholars Program to give my name, address, transcript, and the information in this application to other educational institutions or organizations that may be interested in providing me with educational or financial opportunities.
- I additionally give permission for program staff members to request similar information from this and future institutions to discern the student's educational progress, evaluate the effectiveness of program activities, and fulfill program-reporting requirements.
- In closing, I allow the use of my photograph and other program participation information on the McNair Scholars Program website and other educational publications.

Print Name _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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The 20__ federal TRIO programs annual low-income level for a family unit with _____ members: \$ _____

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend Approval | <input type="checkbox"/> Approved |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended | <input type="checkbox"/> Denied |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Denial Reason _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Denial Reason: _____ |

 Program Manager (Print Name) Director/P.I. (Print Name)

 Program Manager Signature & Date Director/P.I. Signature/Date

Date Application Entry into Database _____ Initials of Data Entry Staff _____ File ID _____

Student will begin receiving services in: Fall 20__ Spring 20__ Summer 20__

Eligibility: LI & FG LI Only FG Only Underrepresented Underrepresented Only



Name: _____ Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Please rate how strongly you agree or disagree with each of the following statements by placing an "X" in the appropriate box.

I. Graduate School Programming and Planning	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. I am knowledgeable about graduate school requirements for admission.					
2. I am familiar with teaching careers at the college level.					
3. I am knowledgeable about financial aid resources to pay for graduate school.					
4. I am aware of the steps involved in obtaining a doctorate (Ph.D.).					
5. I am familiar with the importance and impact of networking and mentoring on professional development.					
6. I am aware of the benefits of time management skills to the success of graduate school.					
7. I am familiar with the term "Senior Rule" and its policies.					
8. I am comfortable with writing personal statements, curriculum vitae/resumes.					
9. I am familiar with how to apply for graduate assistantships/fellowships.					
10. I am familiar with strategies for developing critical thinking skills.					
11. I am aware of the GRE, its contents and test preparation resources.					
TOTAL					

II. Specific Skill Development	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. I am satisfied with my computer skills.					
2. I have utilized the library and its resources.					
4. I have excellent time management skills.					
5. I am confident with my test-taking skills.					
6. I am comfortable with public speaking.					
7. I am pleased with my writing skills.					
TOTAL					

III. Research Skills	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. I am confident with my ability to review literature.					
2. I understand research methodology.					
3. I am comfortable with measurement and sampling.					
4. I am knowledgeable regarding experimental design.					
5. I am comfortable with statistical analysis.					
6. I understand the process of writing 7. scholarly research reports.					
8. I am familiar with the steps involved in writing for publication.					
9. I am confident with making presentations at conferences.					
TOTAL					

Dr. Ronald E. McNair (October 21, 1950 – January 28, 1986)

- First in His Family to Graduate from College.
- First in His Family to Receive a Doctorate.
- College: North Carolina Agricultural & Technical University (NC A&T).
- Graduate School: Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).
- Research Concentration: Laser Physics
- Occupation: Physicist
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Astronaut.
- Second African American to fly in space.
- Died in the Challenger Shuttle Tragedy of January 1986.



“To pursue a dream, you first have to have one.”
~ Ronald E. McNair ~

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Personal Statement **TRIO**
McNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM

PRIOR RESEARCH EXPERIENCE, if any, identifying the research, your supervisor, and where the research took place.

Research Title:

Research Supervisor:

University:

Date:

Research Title:

Research Supervisor:

University:

Date:

Please share your personal statement to include the following: *(Attach Additional Page if Necessary)*

- How your personal background and attributes match your desire to obtain research experience and graduate school preparation
 - How the TRIO McNair program can assist you in attaining your goals.
 - How your research interests and/or experience relate to your graduate school plans.
 - How you spend your time outside of academics with a focus on your extra-curricular activities, work, and community involvement.
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