RONALD E. McNAIR POSTBACCALAUREATE ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

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Application Due Date: **Friday, April 15th, 2011 by 5:00 pm**

Name   **Email address**

Address

City   **State**   **Zip**   **Phone #**

Major   **Cumulative GPA**   **Major GPA**

Intended or potential Ph.D. program(s)

Do you plan to attend graduate school (Ph.D. Program) immediately (within 3 months) after obtaining your undergraduate degree from UW?   Yes   No
OR
Do you plan to attend graduate school (Ph.D. Program) after a year or more after obtaining your undergraduate degree from UW?   Yes   No   If so how many year(s) after?

Birth date   **SS#**   **UW Student #**

Year in school (circle) Sophomore   Junior   Senior   **Sex** Male Female

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Ethnicity / Race (circle all applicable)   African American   Asian American

Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian   White   Hispanic   American Indian/Alaskan Native

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Number in family (dependents, including parents) _____

Family annual taxable income (for last tax year) $

Has either mother or father (or other guardian if applicable) earned a bachelor's degree?

(circle) Mother: yes no   **Father:** yes no   **Guardian:** yes no

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Have you regularly resided with and received support from only one parent/guardian who completed a bachelor's degree?   Yes   No

If yes, who?   Mother Father Guardian

Are you eligible for financial aid?   Yes   No   have not applied

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Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes No   **If no, are you a permanent resident?** Yes No

(Permanent residents must provide copy of documentation)

Are you a current Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) student? Yes   No

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Circle the program(s) in which you have participated

Talent Search   Upward Bound Upward Bound Math/Science   E.O.C. SSS   EIP

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and correct

Signed   Date

Please tell us how you heard about the McNair Program

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Statement of Purpose

Please write an essay addressing the following topics/questions on a separate sheet and attach it to your application. Please limit your statement to a maximum of two pages.

1. Personal background —

• Please describe your family and educational background.
• What financial, familial, or personal responsibilities do you have that will require your attention during the next couple of years?

2. Academic interests —

• What research topics / fields / departments do you find most interesting?
• Please describe your research experiences, if any
• What Ph.D. program (major) do you intend to pursue?
• Are you interested in a career in academia (i.e., as a professor at a college or university)? What do you hope to gain from and contribute to academia?

3. Community involvement—

• What extracurricular activities do you participate in?
• Describe your volunteer activities or ways in which you "give back" to your community.
• In what ways do you see yourself as a role model for others, or in what ways do you hope to become a role model in the future?

References (please read carefully)

First year students, sophomores, and transfer students need one letter from a professor, lecturer, instructor, teaching assistant, academic counselor, or undergraduate advisor. An additional letter from a UW faculty member is encouraged, but not required.

Juniors and Seniors are required to submit two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a UW faculty member with an earned Ph.D. We encourage you to get an additional letter from a UW faculty, but letters from a lecturer, instructor, teaching assistant, academic counselor, or undergraduate advisor are also acceptable.

Fill out the top portion of the form and give it to your recommender. The recommender should return the form directly to the McNair Program at the address provided on the form.

Application submission deadline April 15th by 5:00pm:

Please mail or drop off application packet to:
Ronald E. McNair Program
University of Washington
Box 355845
375 Schmitz Hall
Seattle, WA 98195-5845

COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET INCLUDES THIS APPLICATION FORM, STATEMENT OF PURPOSE, LETTER(S) OF RECOMMENDATION, TRANSCRIPT, FINANCIAL AID AWARD LETTER AND 2009 TAX RETURN, AND WRITING SAMPLE.

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Applicants must be available for an interview between the dates of April 18-22.

Selections will be announced by June 1st.

McNair Program Application

The Ronald E. McNair Program is federally funded by the Department of Education to prepare low-income, first generation undergraduates and undergraduates from underrepresented groups for doctoral study through involvement in research and scholarly activities. The Department of Education's web page provides more information at http://www.ed.gov/programs/triomcnair/index.html.

Program Benefits

The program offers a challenging and supportive environment that is conducive to learning and personal/ professional development. As a McNair Scholar, you will receive:

- The support of McNair Program Advisors
- Summer research opportunities
- Generous research stipends and travel allowances
- Faculty mentoring
- Workshops on the graduate school application process
- Assistance in locating graduate schools
- Access to standardized test preparation software
- Access to tutoring and the OMA Instructional Center
- Assistance in locating and applying to research internships
- Assistance in locating funding/financial aid resources
- Opportunities for participation in research conferences

Participant Eligibility

To be eligible for acceptance into the McNair Program, you must be currently enrolled as an undergraduate in a degree program at the University of Washington. In addition, you:

- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Must be a low-income student who is also a first-generation college student (neither parent or legal guardian has a Bachelor's degree)
     or
  Must be a member of a group that is underrepresented in graduate education (African American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Hispanic/Latino or Native Hawaiian /Pacific Islander)
- Must have completed 36 credits by the time of initial entry into the program
- Must have at least one year remaining before graduation (i.e., if you are graduating within the year, you are not eligible for the program)
- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of: 2.8 (sophomores), 3.0 (juniors), 3.2 (seniors)
- Must express a desire to attain a Ph.D.

Application Checklist

A complete application packet includes the following items:

- ❑ Completed application form
- ❑ Statement of purpose
- ❑ One or two letters of recommendation depending on year in school (see application)
- ❑ A copy of college transcript from each institution you have attended, including the UW (unofficial is okay)
- ❑ A copy of your financial aid award letter and 2009 income tax return
- ❑ A writing sample of at least two pages that was completed within the last year (e.g., a paper from a course)

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Recommendation Form

This section to be completed by the applicant	
Name	Date
❑ I hereby waive my right to review this recommendation	
	Signature
❑ I **do not** waive my right to review this recommendation	
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For the recommender:
The person named above has applied for admission to the University of Washington McNair Program. For more information about the program, please see http://depts.washington.edu/uwmcnair or call 206-543-6460. In the space below or on your own letterhead, we would appreciate your candid evaluation of the applicant's ability to carry on advanced study, as well as her/his scholarship, character, integrity, and professional promise. Please include an assessment of the student's strengths and weaknesses.
Please return this form directly to the McNair Program by Friday, April 15th, 2011.

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Thank you for your cooperation.

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

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