

## TRIO Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program

### STUDENT APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION

*The University of Colorado Denver is one of a few universities nationwide selected to host the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, which is federally funded by the US Department of Education. Named after astronaut and Space Shuttle Challenger crew member, Ronald E. McNair, the program is designed to help students prepare for doctoral study through involvement in research and scholarly activities. One of the highlights of the program is the summer research internship for which a McNair Scholar receives a stipend to assist with living expenses while he or she is conducting research in partnership with a faculty mentor.*

*Some other benefits of the program include individualized academic and professional development training, academic coaching, tutoring, financial literacy workshops, graduate school visits, assistance in applying to graduate schools and finding funding for graduate education, career exploration and support to attend conferences to present your research.*

To qualify for this program you must be:

- A first-generation college student (neither parent completed a Bachelor's degree, or if you regularly resided with only one parent, he/she did not complete a Bachelor's degree) and meet the low-income guidelines established by the US Department of Education.
  - Or
  - A member of a group that is underrepresented in graduate education: Black/African American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Hispanic/Latino or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.
- In addition you must:
- Be a US Citizen or Permanent Resident or can provide evidence from the Immigration and Naturalization Service of intent to become a Permanent Resident.
  - Be an undergraduate student enrolled in a degree program having completed at least 30 credit hours for Pre-McNair sophomores or 60 or more credits by the time of formal entry into the program. Students in a STEM discipline are given priority.
  - Have at least a **2.80** Grade Point Average (for Pre-McNair students), or have a **3.00** or higher cumulative GPA (for McNair candidates).
  - Be highly motivated to pursue a doctoral degree.

*Note: This program is not open to students intending to pursue professional degrees such as medicine, law or business.*

Please print and please answer all sections on this application. Your responses are necessary to determine eligibility for this federally funded program. Because of the personal nature of some of these questions, your responses will be held in the strictest confidence.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST M.I.

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY STATE ZIP

**PHONE:** Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ **GENDER:** M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT E-MAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BIRTHDATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

*Please check one of the following:*

U.S. Citizen ( ) Permanent Resident ( ) A# \_\_\_\_\_ Other ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

*Please choose **any** of the following that best represents your ethnicity and/or race:*

- African-American/Black ( ) Asian ( ) Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ( ) Hispanic/Latino ( )
- American Indian/Alaskan Native ( ) White/Caucasian ( )
- Other ( ) (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Do either of your parents have a bachelor's degree (a 4-year degree)?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
(Or if you regularly resided with only one parent, did he/she complete a Bachelor's degree?)

**Did you (if considered an independent student for financial aid purposes), or your parents (if you are under 24 and considered dependent) file income taxes for the previous year?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**What is the total number of persons in your family/household?** \_\_\_\_\_

*Student, parent(s), and those financially supported by parent(s) or independent student*

Please provide a copy of your (or your parents if you are under 24 years of age and considered a dependent student) taxable income documentation.

**What is your class level?** Sophomore ( ) Junior ( ) Senior ( )

Number of credits completed towards your CU Denver degree: \_\_\_\_\_

**Current major or area of concentration:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In what field are you interested in pursuing a doctoral degree?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC AND FINANCIAL ADVISING QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Is English your first language?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If no, what is your native language? \_\_\_\_\_

How many years were you totally educated in English? \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ **Are you a Veteran of the US Armed Forces?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Do you have a documented disability?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, are you registered with the Disability Resources and Services Office? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Check the box if you participated in any of these:** CU-Succeed \_\_\_ Pre-Collegiate \_\_\_  
Minority Scholars \_\_\_ Upward Bound \_\_\_ Student Support Services \_\_\_  
Pre-McNair \_\_\_ GEAR UP \_\_\_ EOC \_\_\_ Talent Search \_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Where did you participate? \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you applied for financial aid at CU Denver?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
For what term(s)? Summer ( ) Fall ( ) Spring ( ) Year? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received your award notification? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**How did you hear about the McNair Scholars Program?** \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the name and contact info of the person who first encouraged you to apply to the McNair program \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS**

**Letters of Recommendation: 2 Required**

Please request 2 letters of recommendation from those who can speak towards your academic work, with at least 1 from a faculty member, who can best assess your ability for academic research and your motivation to attend graduate school. Please also have them complete the Faculty Recommendation Form along with their letter of recommendation. Instruct your recommenders to email their recommendations to Jessica.A.Luna@ucdenver.edu or Sonia.Valencia@ucdenver.edu can submit the recommendation forms and letters through intercampus mail to: TRIO McNair, Campus Box 152.

**List the names, titles, email addresses and telephone numbers of your two recommenders:**

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**Personal Statement:**

On a separate sheet of paper (double spaced), please submit a personal statement addressing the following areas:

- Your academic interests and career goals
- Why you want to attend graduate school
- How participation in the McNair Program will help you attain your goals
- Any non-academic challenges you may face in achieving your goals

In discussing your academic interests, write about the research you are interested in conducting if you are selected as a McNair scholar. Be as specific as possible about areas of particular interest and any prior research experience you may have (prior research experience is not a requirement for participation).

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Please read each statement below and initial or check that you understand and agree.

I hereby give my permission for the CU Denver TRIO Ronald E. McNair staff to access my academic and financial aid records for the purpose of verifying my eligibility and supporting me academically as a TRIO McNair participant and a CU Denver student. I understand that the TRIO McNair staff agrees to adhere to all guidelines outlined under the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act.

I hereby give my permission for the CU Denver TRIO McNair staff to access my midterm and semester grades electronically for the purpose of supporting me and my academic performance at CU Denver. I understand that I will have access to my academic record at any time.

I hereby give my permission to the CU Denver Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program to use my name and/or photograph for editorial, promotional and recruitment purposes.

*I certify that all the information provided on this form is true and complete.*

**STUDENT SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Your application must be filled out completely and signed and dated before it will be processed.

**FOR STAFF USE ONLY**

Student is *enrolled* at institution: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Classification: \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of credits \_\_\_\_\_ # of credits \_\_\_\_\_ # of credits

Student is *eligible* for services on the basis of:

(1) First Generation and Low Income \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Underrepresented in Higher Education \_\_\_\_\_

Black \_\_\_\_\_ Latin@ \_\_\_\_\_ Pacific Islander \_\_\_\_\_ Native American \_\_\_\_\_

**Citizenship:** \_\_\_\_\_ US Citizen \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Resident \_\_\_\_\_ Not citizen or permanent resident  
(Permanent Resident # reported on college application \_\_\_\_)

**Term Entered Program:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cohort Year:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grant Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Checklist**

- 1.) \_\_\_\_\_ McNair Program Application Form
- 2.) \_\_\_\_\_ Transcripts – CU Denver \_\_\_\_\_ Transfer Institution(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.) \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Statement
- 4.) \_\_\_\_\_ Two letters of recommendation from faculty with recommendation forms
- 5.) \_\_\_\_\_ Signed Statement or Income Tax Forms

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Student is *ineligible* for services on the basis of: FG & LI \_\_\_\_\_ Not from an underrepresented group \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

The signing of this form is to certify that all documents have been reviewed and eligibility has been determined.

STAFF SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Data base entry date \_\_\_\_\_ Entered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name