The TRiO McNair Scholars Program is a federally-funded program designed to prepare and support underrepresented undergraduate students in their pursuit of doctoral studies.

**Program Eligibility**

To be considered for the TRiO McNair Scholars Program at California State University Long Beach (CSULB), you must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. A U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident.
2. Currently enrolled at CSULB as undergraduate with at least 3.00 cumulative GPA.
3. Completed at least 60 units (transfer units included) by end of current academic year.
4. Must be considered:
   a. Both low-income based on federal income guidelines and first generation status (parent/guardian did not earn a 4-year college degree); OR
   b. Member of an underrepresented minority group (e.g. Black/African American - non-Hispanic; Hispanic/Latino, American Indian/Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander).
5. Intention to pursue and complete a Ph.D.

**How to Apply**

If you meet the eligibility requirements listed above you are encouraged to apply!

1. Complete the TRiO McNair Scholars Program Application.
2. Attach a hard-copy, printed version of your most current *unofficial* CSULB transcript (accessed via MyCSULB).
3. Attach a hard-copy, printed version of your degree plan or education plan clearly showing the classes you have remaining until graduation. You may print this information from MyCSULB degree planner, use advisor/college templates, or create your own plan.
4. Submit the completed TRiO McNair Scholars Program Application and supplemental documents in person (Liberal Arts Building #1, Room 100/104).

**Priority Submission Date**

To be considered for program admittance, a completed application must be submitted by October 5, 2018 (by 5pm). Applications submitted after the deadline will be placed on the waitlist until the following semester.
The information provided on the following program application is confidential and is used to determine your eligibility, academic need, and motivation to succeed.

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

CSULB ID: ________________________________  First Name: ________________________________  
Last Name: ________________________________  Provide name used when completing CSU Apply.  
Phone: (_______) ___________________________  CSULB Email: ________________________________  

*CSULB requires all University official communication to be sent to students’ assigned CSULB email addresses

Date of Birth: _____/_____/_______  Gender:  □ Male  □ Female  
Ethnicity (select yes or no):  □ Yes  □ No  Hispanic/Latino  
Race (select all that apply):  □ American Indian/Alaskan Native  □ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander  
                         □ Asian  □ White  
How did you hear about TRiO McNair? (Check all that apply):  □ Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)  
                         □ University Honors Program  □ CSULB College Advising Center  
                         □ TRiO (Upward Bound, ETS, EOC, SSS, etc.)  □ Friend/CSULB Classmate  
                         □ Veterans Center  □ Faculty Member: ____________________________  
                         □ Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program  □ Other: ____________________________

**PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY**

**RESIDENCY**

□ Yes  □ No  I am a U.S. Citizen  
SSN number: XXX - XX - ____________________________  
Provide the last four digits of your social security number.

□ Yes  □ No  I am a Permanent Resident  
A-Registration number: ____________________________  
Provide the number listed on your permanent resident card.

**GENERATION STATUS**

□ Yes  □ No  My MOTHER earned a 4-year college degree  
□ Yes  □ No  My FATHER earned a 4-year college degree  
Which parent did you regularly reside with and receive support from until you were 18 years old:  
□ Mother  □ Father  □ Both  □ None

**CSULB ENROLLMENT**

□ Yes  □ No  I am currently enrolled as an undergraduate student at CSULB.  
□ Yes  □ No  I will have completed at least 60 undergraduate units (transfer units included) by the end of this academic year.  
□ Yes  □ No  I have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 (My current cumulative GPA = ____________)

**OTHER PROGRAMS**

□ Yes  □ No  I am currently participating with the CSULB Educational Opportunity Program (EOP).  
□ Yes  □ No  I am currently participating with CSULB Student Support Services Program (SSSP).  
□ Yes  □ No  I am currently participating with undergraduate research programs (e.g., UROP, BUILD, MARC, STAR, MMUF, etc.)
### DEPENDENCY STATUS

Answer yes or no to the following statements to determine if you are an independent or dependent student.

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<td>I am less than 18 years of age and have no parents or guardians.</td>
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<td>I will be at least 24 years old by December 31(^{st}) of this academic year.</td>
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<td>I am married.</td>
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<td>I have children or other dependents (other than a spouse) who receive more than half of their support from me.</td>
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<td>At some point after turning 13 years of age; I was an orphan, in foster care, or a ward of the court.</td>
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<td>Prior to reaching 18 years of age, I was an emancipated minor or had a court-appointed legal guardian.</td>
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<td>I am serving on active duty (for other than training purposes) in the U.S. Armed Forces.</td>
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<td>I am a U.S. Armed Forces Veteran who was on active duty and was released under a condition OTHER than dishonorable.</td>
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<td>I am homeless, lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, or am at risk of becoming homeless.</td>
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### Table 2: Independent or Dependent Student Determination

| □ | I answered **YES to ANY** of the above statements. This means I am an **INDEPENDENT STUDENT**. I must answer the questions below about **MY** income/taxes. |
| □ | I answered **NO to ALL** the above statements. This means I am a **DEPENDENT STUDENT**. My **PARENTS/GUARDIANS** must answer the questions about their income/taxes. |

| **What is the total number of persons (including you) in your family? _______** |
| include yourself, spouse (if married), and any other individuals claimed on **YOUR** taxes. |
| **What was YOUR filing status and income last year? (Check one and provide requested income information)** |
| □ I FILED a federal income tax return last year in the state of: ___________ AND MY **TAXABLE INCOME*** (not Total Income) was $_____________ |
| □ I DID NOT FILE a federal income tax return for the last calendar year, but my **TOTAL INCOME** was $__________ |
| □ I HAD NO taxable income* during the last calendar year |

| **What is the total number of persons (including you) in my **PARENTS/GUARDIANS** family? _______** |
| include yourself, your parents, and any other individuals claimed on your **PARENTS/GUARDIANS** taxes. |
| **What was your **PARENTS/GUARDIANS** filing status and income last year? (Check one and provide requested income information)** |
| □ My **PARENTS/GUARDIANS** FILED a federal income tax return last year in the state of: ___________ AND THEIR **TAXABLE INCOME*** (not Total Income) was $_____________ |
| □ My **PARENTS/GUARDIANS** DID NOT FILE a federal income tax return for the last calendar year, but their **TOTAL INCOME** was $_____________ |
| □ **MY PARENTS/GUARDIANS** HAD NO taxable income* during the last calendar year |

* Taxable income is found on federal tax returns.
SELF-ASSESSMENT

Services that may interest and/or benefit you? (check all that apply):

- Academic and Career Advising
- Campus Services and Resources Info
- Class Registration/Schedule Changes
- Graduate School Advising/Planning
- Major Selection/Degree Plan
- Money Management
- Scholarship and Financial Aid Advising
- Study Skills/Test-Taking Skills
- Undergraduate research opportunities
- CSULB Faculty mentorship
- Other ______________________________

What motivates you to stay in school and pursue a Ph.D.? (check all that apply):

- Self-improvement/Growth
- Make a Difference for my Family
- Make a Difference in my Community
- Become a Role Model
- Future Employment/Career
- Meaningful Career Path
- Excited to Learn New Things
- Expand My Network of Professionals/Faculty
- Build Leadership Skills
- Other ______________________________

What obstacles do you face, or anticipate, when pursuing a Ph.D.? (check all that apply):

- Navigating Campus Procedures/Services
- Anxiety
- Focus and Attention
- Procrastination
- Undecided Career Path
- Family Responsibilities
- Home Environment
- Transportation Issues
- Housing Issues
- Access to Technology for School
- Financial Issues
- Work/Employment Schedule
- Cultural/Language Issues
- Finding Friends/Community
- Leadership Opportunities
- Self-confidence
- Long term motivation to stay in school
- Other ______________________________
PROGRAM INTEREST STATEMENT

Answer the following short-essay questions (required). If needed, you may attached a separate piece of paper to the McNair Scholars Program Application.

Briefly describe your participation with undergraduate research (e.g. what was your research objective, who did you work with?) and your research interests (e.g. what do you plan on studying/researching?)

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Tell us what motivates you to complete a Ph.D. program.

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What Ph.D. program(s) are you most interested in and why?

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Discuss why earning a Ph.D. will enhance your future career path.

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How can the McNair Scholars Program help support your research interests and future academic goals?

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AFFIDAVIT OF TRUTH AND CERTIFICATION OF RELEASE OF INFORMATION

1. My answers on this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

2. I hereby authorize the release of my student academic records to the McNair Scholars Program staff for the purposes of; assessing my need for services, monitoring academic progress, evaluating program effectiveness, fulfilling program-reporting requirements, and advocating on my behalf with CSULB campus partners.

3. I understand that meeting minimum eligibility requirements is not a guarantee of my acceptance into the McNair Scholars Program.

My signature below acknowledges agreement to, and understanding of the 3 statements above.

Student Signature: ___________________________ Date: _____________

If you are a DEPENDENT student (refer to page 3) your parent/guardian must also sign this application.

Parent/Guardian Signature: ___________________________ Date: _____________