



UCLA College of Letters & Science: Academic Advancement Program

Ronald E. McNair Research Scholars Program

Academic Letter of Support Form

FOR THE APPLICANT

Please provide your recommender with a completed and signed Academic Letter of Support Form. Our office recommends that you meet with your recommender in person to discuss your interest in the UCLA McNair Research Scholars Program. It is also recommended that you provide your recommender with a copy of your research proposal, your personal statement, resume or CV, a copy of your UCLA academic transcript, and a writing sample.

Applicant's Name:			
Phone Number:		Email Address:	

Please select the corresponding box and sign below this paragraph:

I do I do not waive my right of access to this confidential academic letter of support received in connection with my application to the UCLA McNair Research Scholars Program. I understand that I am not required to waive my right to access to this material as a condition of receipt of any service or benefit provided by the UCLA McNair Research Scholars Program and that this waiver does not preclude my requesting the names of those individuals who provide confidential statements or evaluations.

Applicant's Signature:		Date:	
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FOR THE RECOMMENDER

Recommender's Name:	
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The above-named student is applying to the UCLA McNair Research Scholars Program. In your letter of support, please comment on the applicant's aptitude for research, potential for graduate study, ability to work independently, creativity, initiative, perseverance, and emotional maturity. This information will be used by the UCLA McNair Research Scholars Program Selection Committee in consideration of admittance to the program.

Please email a PDF of your letter and this form to the following email G_Acad.expvmg72iy18tb6z@u.box.com. The name of the PDF file should be the **Student's Last Name_First Initial_Letter of Rec.** **The due date for the application and supporting documents, including this academic letter of support, is Monday, November 16, 2020 by 12pm.**

ABOUT THE UCLA MCNAIR RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The UCLA McNair Research Scholars Program is a two-year research intensive program that prepares undergraduate students to apply to the best graduate programs in the country and excel in graduate school while pursuing a Ph.D.

During their two years in the program, McNair students enroll in a weekly McNair Research Seminar course and in the Student Research Program (SRP 99) where they develop an individual research project under the guidance and supervision of a UCLA Faculty Mentor. In the summer between their first and second year in the program, McNair Scholars participate in the UCLA McNair Summer Research Institute, which includes faculty-supervised research, graduate mentoring, and intensive workshops on graduate school admission. In their second year, McNair Scholars enroll in independent study courses with their respective UCLA Faculty Mentor, complete their individual research project and write a senior thesis. Students also apply to graduate school, present at an academic conference in their discipline, complete the McNair Research Seminar series, and submit their research for publication. For more information about the program, please visit www.aap.ucla.edu/programs/mcnair-research-scholars/.