

UCLA College of Letters & Science: Academic Advancement Program

Ronald E. McNair Research Scholars Program Summary of the McNair Two-Year Research Plan

First Year: Winter 2021 and Spring 2021

- Attend the Annual McNair Cohort Collective (i.e., orientation).
- Enroll in the McNair Research Seminar Honors Collegium 193A (2 units/quarter, 2 quarters).
- Enroll in SRP 99 (2 units/quarter, 2 quarters) with your McNair Faculty Mentor.
- Meet with your McNair Faculty Mentor on a regular basis, as determined by the schedule set forth by you and your faculty mentor.
- Meet with the McNair Graduate Mentor on a biweekly basis.
- Meet with the McNair Assistant Director at least three times per quarter.
- Meet with an Academic Counselor at least once per quarter.
- Attend the McNair Senior Cohort Brown Bag Series presentations.
- Apply to and present your research at the UCLA Undergraduate Research Week.
- Receive \$2000 research stipend.

Summer 2021: McNair Summer Research Institute

- · Participate in the mandatory six-week residential UCLA McNair Summer Research Institute:
 - Writing Seminar, Graduate School Preparation Seminar, and GRE Tutoring
 - Participate in the weekly program activities
- Hold regular meetings with graduate and faculty mentors to track research progress, draft IRB application, and prepare for the summer research symposia.
- Complete Part I of the McNair Senior Thesis (min. 20 pages and format varies by field):
 - Introduction, final research question(s), literature review, and draft of methodology and analysis
- Present at the UCLA McNair Research Symposium and at a National McNair Research Conference.
- Meet with the McNair Assistant Director at least twice during the summer.
- Take the GRE prior to the start of the Fall quarter.
- Receive \$2800 research stipend.

Second Year: Fall 2021, Winter 2022, and Spring 2022

- Enroll in the McNair Research Seminar Honors Collegium 193A (2 units, Fall quarter).
- Enroll in a departmental 199 (4 units/quarter, 3 quarters) independent studies course (e.g., History 199, English 199, Psychology 199, EEB 199, Chemistry 199, Geography 199, etc.) with your McNair Faculty Mentor.
- Meet with your McNair Faculty Mentor on a regular basis, as determined by the schedule set forth by you and your faculty mentor.
- Meet with the McNair Graduate Mentor on a biweekly basis.
- Meet with the McNair Assistant Director at least three times per quarter.
- Meet with an Academic Counselor at least once per quarter.
- Present at the McNair Senior Cohort Brown Bag Series.
- Complete and submit a final copy of your McNair Thesis.
- Present at the UCLA McNair Senior Thesis Symposium.
- Receive \$5000 research stipend for the academic year.