

- ◇ Do you want to pursue a PhD?
- ◇ Want to do paid summer research?
- ◇ Will you graduate in '10 or '11?
- ◇ Is your GPA above a 2.75?
- ◇ Are you financial aid eligible?

If you answered yes



then McNair is for you!



Ronald E. McNair

"Whether or not you reach your goals in life depends entirely on how well you prepare for them and how badly you want them. You're eagles! Stretch your wings and fly to the sky."

What does it mean to be a McNair

Xavier's Ronald E. McNair Program is designed specifically to assist students who wish to pursue a Ph.D. McNair scholars are the "cream of the crop." The program includes semi-monthly seminars featuring guest speakers, paid research internships and travel throughout the year.

As students are guided, they are given GRE prep, visit potential graduate school campuses and present research at conferences.

Please return all applications to the Office of Graduate Placement in Xavier South 414.

What is a McNair Scholar?

The Xavier University Ronald McNair Post baccalaureate Achievement Program is a program funded by the United States Department of Education designed to increase the numbers of first-generation, low income and underrepresented students completing doctoral programs.

Xavier McNair Scholar Will:

Receive extensive graduate school preparation

Be equipped to successfully enter and complete doctoral programs

Participate in a seminar series offered each semester

Attend professional meetings, research symposia, and graduate school visitations, network with alumni who have completed Ph.D. programs

Enroll in courses/seminars designed to strengthen writing, test taking and technological skills

Meet with program administrators 2-3 times each semester for individual advising & counseling

Have the opportunity to work in mentoring relationships with faculty members

Successfully complete research projects demonstrated by publications of a paper and/or presentation of their research project results

Attend Grad fair

Applicants must:

Completed the sophomore year (62 credit hours)

A minimum of a 2.75 cumulative grade point average

Good standing with the University

Low income/first generation or underrepresented eligibility

An expressed desire to pursue graduate study through the Ph.D. level

Along with completed application and a copy of the tax information, applicants must submit a statement outlining your goals, personal ambitions, future plans, and describing as precisely as possible your academic and research interest and needs.

A Letter of Recommendation from a faculty member

Selection Process:

A committee consisting of the Xavier McNair Program director and assistant director and two faculty liaisons will review completed applications packets and then make selections. Selected students may represent a diversity of majors and may have either junior or senior standing.

(Please Note: SOPHOMORE McNair Scholars will be selected for participation in summer research opportunities that will precede their junior year of study.)

If there are any questions, please contact The Office of Graduate Placement (504) 520-7633.

XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA
RONALD E. MCNAIR POSTBACCALAUREATED ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Part I. APPLICATION INFORMATION

DATE _____

1. Full Name _____

	Last	First	Middle
2. Ethnicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Black (non – Hispanic)	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic
	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

3. Date of Birth ____/____/____ 4. Gender Male Female

5. SSN _____ - _____ - _____ 6. E-Mail _____

7. XU ID _____ - _____ - _____

8. Local Address _____

(Off Campus or Dormitory Address, City, State, Zip)

Local Phone: (504) _____ Cellular: (_____) _____

9. Permanent Address (if different from above) Check if same as above

 (Address, City, State, Zip)

Permanent Phone (_____) _____

10. First enrolled at Xavier (ex. Fall 2008) _____

11. Current Classification Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

12. Major: _____ 13. Cumulative GPA: _____

14. List Research/Internship experience(s) & include month/year.

15. Expected Graduation Date (ex. May 2010) _____

16. Area of Graduate Study _____ 17. Citizenship: U.S Other (specify): _____

18. Are you pell-eligible? Yes No 19. T-shirt Size: M L XL 2XL 3XL

Part II. NEEDS ASSESMENT

Please check below those services provided by the Xavier McNair Program which you feel will assist in the pursuit of a Graduate Degrees. Check all that apply.

Tutoring (Specify which courses)	
Prep for GRE (LSAT, GMAT, etc)	Choosing Graduate Schools
Info about the Graduate School application process	Campus visits to Graduate Schools
Assistance with the Graduate School application process	Summer Research opportunities
Info about writing a successful Personal Statement	Strategies for success in Graduate School
Assistance with a successful Personal Statement	Strategies for survival at Xavier
Information about Financial Aid for Graduate School	Acquiring time-management/study skills
Assistance in obtaining Financial Aid	Other(Specify)

Part III. Eligibility Information

Statement of Confidentiality. The information below is required by the U.S. Department of Education under the authority of the Higher Education Act of 1965. It is used solely for the determination of the applicant's eligibility for the Xavier McNair Program. It will be treated with full confidentiality. **All questions must be answered for consideration.**

First Generation College Student Status

	Yes	No
Did either biological parent/legal guardian graduate from college? (If YES, from which institution)		
Did you regularly reside with/receive financial support from only the parent who did NOT receive a bachelor (or higher) degree?		
Did you regularly reside with/receive financial support from a biological parent/legal guardian?		

Financial Eligibility

	YES	NO		YES	NO
Born before Jan, 1, 1984			Are you married?		
Veteran of U.S. Armed Forces?			Orphan or Ward of the Court?		
Grad Professional Student in 2008-2009			Have dependents other than spouse?		

Complete the following column below based on whether Xavier's Office of Financial Aid classifies you as DEPENDENT or INDEPENDENT taxpayer.

DEPENDENT	INDEPENDENT
<p>You must provide our Office with you parent(s)/guardian's 2008 tax return or the information requested below along with the signature of the parent(s)/guardian (s) that claimed you as a dependent in the most recent tax year.</p>	<p>You must provide our Office with you 2008 income tax return or the information requested below along with your signature.</p>
<p>INCOME and FAMILY SIZE</p> <p>Income tax filed for 2008? (Yes or No) _____</p> <p>Number of Dependents in 2008 _____</p> <p>Adjusted Gross Income for 2008 _____</p>	<p>INCOME and FAMILY SIZE</p> <p>Income tax filed for 2008? (Yes or No) _____</p> <p>Number of Dependents in 2008 _____</p> <p>Adjusted Gross Income for 2008 _____</p>
<p>_____</p> <p>Print (parent/guardian) Name</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>Print (Yours) Name</p>
<p>_____</p> <p>Signature (Parent/guardian)</p> <p>Relationship to student: (Circle) Parent Guardian</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>Signature (Yours)</p>

By signing below, you certify that all information on this form is true and complete to the best of you knowledge. If asked you agree to give proof of the information which may include a copy of our U.S. or state income tax forms. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may ne fined \$10,000, sent to prison or both.

*****FOR OFFICE USE ONLY*****

1 st Generation	Yes or No	Original Decision: <input type="checkbox"/> Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Denied Date: _____
Pell-Eligible	Yes or No	Reconsidered, Accepted: (Date) _____
Underrepresented	Yes or No	Classification when accepted: _____
Grad Yr. _____		Withdrew or Dismissed McNair (date) _____
		Received Post-Bac Degree: (date) _____