

CSUB McNair Program

Eligibility Checklist

Applicants to the California State University, Bakersfield McNair Scholars Program must meet the following criteria:

- CSUB sophomore, junior, or senior
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Low-income¹ **AND** first-generation college student,² **OR** underrepresented³
- US Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Currently enrolled as an undergraduate student seeking a baccalaureate degree
- Expect to graduate from CSUB with a Bachelor's degree
- Desire to pursue a Ph.D. (*not a professional degree such as J.D. or M.D.*)

¹ Low-income is defined by the federal government using the family's 2007 taxable income from IRS Form 1040 line 38 or IRS Form 1040A line 22 or IRS Form 1040EZ line 5.

² A first-generation college student is defined by the federal government as a student who has not resided with or received primary support from a parent who has received a bachelor's degree or equivalent.

³ Groups underrepresented in graduate education. The following ethnic and racial groups are currently underrepresented in graduate education: Black (non-Hispanic), Hispanic, and American Indian/Alaskan Native.

Size of Family Unit	Maximum Income
1	\$15,600
2	\$21,000
3	\$26,400
4	\$31,800
5	\$37,200
6	\$42,600
7	\$48,000
8	\$53,400

For family units with more than eight members, add \$5,400 for each additional family member.