

CSUB McNair Program

Eligibility Checklist

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

- Second quarter sophomore, junior, or senior
- Have more than 59 quarter units completed by the time you apply
- 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 (eligible for federal financial aid)
- 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.*)

¹Low-income is defined by the federal government using the family's 2006 taxable income from IRS Form 1040 line 38 or IRS Form 1040A line 22 or IRS Form 1040EZ line 5.

²First-generation college 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.

³Groups 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	\$15,315
2	\$20,535
3	\$25,755
4	\$30,975
5	\$36,195
6	\$41,415
7	\$46,635
8	\$51,855

If you are qualifying for the program as a low income, first generation college student, it is important to verify your income status **prior** to submitting your application to make sure that you **qualify**.

Note, that in order to qualify as a first generation college student, neither parent can have received a college degree.