



CLARKSON UNIVERSITY

Ronald E. McNair

Achievement Program

2020-2021 Application Form



Deadline for applications: January 29, 2021

Clarkson University is currently among few universities nationwide selected to host a Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program on its campus. Established by the U.S. Department of Education, the program is named for astronaut and Space Shuttle Challenger crew member Ronald E. McNair. Through this program, qualified students participate in skill building and enrichment activities which prepare them for doctoral study.

At Clarkson University, students are selected each year to participate in the program which is designed to assist them in preparing for and pursuing graduate study. The program is highlighted by a ten - week summer research internship for which a McNair Scholar receives a stipend plus an allowance for room and board. Students enter the program when completing their sophomore year, and are eligible to participate for two years. A limited number of juniors may be selected for entrance to the program as spaces are available.

TO QUALIFY YOU MUST BE:

1. A first-generation college student (neither parent completed a bachelor's degree or, if you only lived with one parent, he/she did not receive a degree) **AND** meet federal income guidelines
OR
A member of a group that is underrepresented in graduate education: African American, Hispanic, Native American
AND ARE
2. A United States citizen or permanent resident
3. Completing your sophomore or junior year
4. Maintaining a GPA of at least 2.8

Statement of Confidentiality: The information contained in this application is for the purpose of determining the applicant's eligibility for the McNair Scholars Program. Information received is treated confidentially.

*** Respond to all questions in each section. ***

MAIL ALL INFORMATION AND DIRECT QUESTIONS TO:

Clarkson University
Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program
Box 5801, 235 Bertrand H. Snell Hall
Potsdam, New York 13699

Phone: 315-268-3951 Fax: 315-268-6552
E-Mail: dgshipp@clarkson.edu

POSTMARK DEADLINE: JANUARY 29, 2021

*Marjorie Warden, Program Director • Mike Ramsdell, PhD, Director of Research
Deborah Shipp, Assistant Director*

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION Applicant must meet eligibility requirements as listed in the McNair Scholars literature.

Name _____
Mr./Ms. First MI Last

Current Campus Mailing Address _____
(Street and number or P.O. Box)

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City State Zip Code Telephone Number

Permanent/Home Address _____
(Street and number or P.O. Box)

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City State Zip Code Telephone Number

E-Mail Address: _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____
mo/day/yr City State Nation

Social Security # _____ First date of undergraduate enrollment _____

II. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

(You **must** attach a copy of your/your family's 2019 Federal Income Tax form - IRS Form 1040 pages 1 and 2; IRS Form 1040A page 1; IRS Form 1040EZ page 1)

I regularly resided with and received support from: both parents mother only father only legal guardian

Provide the following information only for the parent(s) or guardian with whom you regularly resided:

Name of Mother/Guardian: _____
First MI Last

Her Highest Grade of Education Completed: <8 9 10 11 12 Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate

Name of Father/Guardian: _____
First MI Last

His Highest Grade of Education Completed: <8 9 10 11 12 Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate

ARE YOU A FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT? Yes No

(First-generation college student: neither parent has a bachelor's degree or, if you regularly resided with and received support from only one parent, *that* parent did not complete a bachelor's degree.

IF YOU'RE PARENTS CLAIM YOU AS A DEPENDENT:

Including you, how many people are in their household? _____

On their **2019 federal** income tax form, what is their **Total Taxable Income**? _____
(line 43 of 1040, line 6 on 1040EZ, line 27 on 1040A)

IF YOU ARE A FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT STUDENT:

Including yourself, how many people in your household are financially dependent on you? _____

On your **2019 federal** income tax form, what is your **Total Taxable Income**? _____
(line 43 of 1040, line 6 on 1040EZ, line 27 on 1040A)

ARE YOU RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID? Yes No If yes, specify type of aid: _____

ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes No

If not, do you have permanent resident status? Yes, Registration # _____ No

RACIAL/ETHNIC BACKGROUND:

African American Native American/Alaskan Native Asian American

Mexican American/Puerto Rican/Other Hispanic American Other (Please specify) _____

III. EDUCATION INFORMATION (You must attach a legible copy of college-level transcripts from all institutions attended)

- A. Name of the college or university you are presently attending: _____

- City State Zip Code
- B. What is your current major or area of concentration? _____
- C. Class officially completed by June 2021: Sophomore Junior Expected Graduation Date: _____
Number of credits to be completed by June 2021? _____ What is your cumulative GPA? _____
- D. Do you plan to pursue: Masters Ph.D. other: _____

IV. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS

A. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION. Two (2) letters are required from *faculty members, with at least one from your major*, who can best assess your ability for academic research, your confidence, and your motivation to attend graduate school. They may use the form included in this application packet. **Please ask each recommender to send the letter/form directly to McNair Scholars Program, Clarkson University, P.O. Box 5801, Potsdam, NY 13699-5801, by January 29, 2021.** List the names, titles addresses, and telephone/fax numbers of your two recommenders:

Name Title Address Telephone

Name Title Address Telephone

B. In the space provided, if applicable, please give the name, title address, and telephone number of the person(s) who first encouraged you to apply to the McNair Scholars Program. If you are self-referred, please tell us how you heard about the program.

Name Title Address Telephone

How you became aware of the program: _____

C. PERSONAL STATEMENT. On no more than 2 typewritten pages (double spaced), please write your personal statement. Be sure to include information listed below. Be specific and concise.

- Who are you? (How does your personal background and attributes match your desire to obtain research experience and graduate school preparation?)
- What are your graduate education goals (how important is it to you to pursue a master's and/or Ph.D. degree) and career goals;
- What research topics/fields/departments are of interest to you;
- List prior research experience, if any, identifying the research, your supervisor, and where the research took place;
- What are your work standards (include punctuality, ethics, discipline, and ability to persevere although results may not be readily apparent);
- What are your expectations for your experience in the summer portion of the program (academic and otherwise)?

D. HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN ANY OF THESE PROGRAMS: HEOP EOP CSTEP
 Talent Search Upward Bound Student Support Services McNair Location: _____

My signature below indicates that, to the best of my knowledge, I have given you on this application true statements, complete and accurate. With my signature, I hereby grant permission to McNair Scholars at Clarkson University to use my name and/or photograph for editorial, promotional, recruitment, or educational purposes. I hereby authorize colleges, universities, and any post-baccalaureate institutions that I may attend in the future to release to McNair Scholars at Clarkson University, upon their McNair Scholars request, copies of academic, enrollment, and financial assistance records.

Date _____ Signature _____

(An original signature *must* be on file. Please be sure to forward original application if initial application is faxed.)