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# NC Central

## UNIVERSITY

TRIO Ronald McNair  
Scholars Program

### Eligibility Requirements

In order to apply for the TRIO Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program, you must meet the following eligibility criteria set by the U.S. Department of Education. Since this is a federally funded program, these are strict requirements.

To be eligible, you:

- must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- must be a low-income student who is also a first-generation college student or must be a member of a group that is underrepresented in graduate education (African American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Hispanic/Latino, or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander)<sup>1</sup>
- must be currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate in a degree program at North Carolina Central University
- must have completed 60 credits by the time of initial entry into the program
- must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- must have a STRONG desire to attain a Ph.D.

Low-income status is determined by annual taxable household income limits set by the U.S. Department of Education. First-generation status refers to an undergraduate neither of whose parents earned a baccalaureate degree or, in the case of a custodial parent, this parent/guardian did not earn a baccalaureate degree.

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