

MEMORANDUM

To: USC Campus Community
From: Dr. Richard Andalon, Associate Dean & Director

2012 USC McNair Scholars Program Latest Facts & Highlights

USC McNair Scholars are high-achieving undergraduate students that receive graduate school preparation, engage in research, present at conferences, and acquire scholarships and other supplemental funding awards. Program participants are first-generation college students, from low-income households, and from underrepresented ethnic populations in higher education. The program is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, and the USC Office of the Provost, Undergraduate Programs.

- In **2012**, **17** USC McNair Scholars were admitted to graduate programs, including **12** at the masters-level and **5** at the doctoral-level.
- In **2011**, **16** USC McNair Scholars were admitted to graduate programs, including **11** at the masters-level and **5** at the doctoral-level.
- From **2009 to 2012**, nearly **60** USC McNair Scholars presented their projects at major research, national-level conferences throughout California and the U.S.
- Between **2009 and 2012**, the USC McNair Scholars Program awarded nearly **\$400,000.00** in student aid by way of supplemental research stipends, scholarships, and grants. Students are awarded this funding in addition to their annual financial aid and scholarships for tuitions, books, housing, etc.
- Since **1996**, just over **300** USC Undergraduates have participated in the McNair Scholars Program. Student participants have come from diverse majors, including the arts and humanities, social science, natural and biological science, engineering, public health, and business. Currently there are **75** active students participating in the program as undergraduates, with around **25** graduating seniors this year.
- Annually, **20 to 26** USC Faculty Members mentor and advise USC McNair Scholars. Since **1996**, at least **200** USC Faculty Members have worked with students through the program.
- Nearly **75%** of former USC McNair Scholars have graduate school experiences: they are currently enrolled in graduate-level programs or have acquired a graduate-level degree. To date, approximately **60** former participants are pursuing some form of postgraduate education. A select group of former participants have earned approximately **100** masters-level degrees and **50** doctoral-level degrees.
- Postgraduate studies pursued by USC McNair Alumni span from the humanities, social sciences, natural and biological sciences, engineering, computer science to professional fields such as law, business, education, medicine, healthcare, public policy, and social welfare. Master degrees they have acquired include the M.A., M.S., M.Ed., M.B.A., M.S.W., M.P.P., and M.F.T. Doctoral degrees they have earned include the Ph.D., Ed.D., J.D., M.D., Pharm.D., D.P.T., & O.T.D.

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