

Pre-Skills Survey

Name: _____

Date: _____

This is a survey to determine your knowledge of the skills and processes required for successful admission to Graduate programs. It is our hope that McNair program activities will improve these skills. Please mark the box that best describes your knowledge and experiences with each skill listed below.

	1 point	2 points	3 points	4 points
Skills	Know nothing about this activity	Know a little but still need much more information	Know general information but need details	Know enough to feel very competent
Preparing for graduate admissions exams				
Researching potential Graduate Schools				
Writing a personal statement				
Applying to graduate schools				
Making contacts with grad school personnel				
Securing financial aid for grad study				
Securing teaching/research assistantships				
Overcoming barriers to success in grad school				
Improving my academic writing				
Improving my study skills				
Identifying my personal learning style				
Accessing library resources				
Using computers for communications				
Using computers for research				
Reviewing literature for research				
Formulating hypotheses				
Understanding research study designs				
Controlling variables				
Conducting experiments or surveys				
Collecting Data				
Managing statistics				
Summarizing research results				
Writing research papers/theses/dissertations				
Presenting results in professional settings				
Submitting work for publication				
Interacting and working with faculty				
Securing professional references				
Building a support network				
Preparing for college teaching				
Learning about professional organizations				
Reading professional journals				
Interacting with other McNair scholars				
Believing I can attain a Ph.D.				
Knowing Ronald McNair's accomplishments				
TOTAL:				