

MENTOR SELECTION ACTION STEP – DUE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

Selecting a faculty research mentor is a critical step in your development as a McNair scholar. While there are numerous items to consider, perhaps the two most significant are determining whether the mentor will be able to facilitate a quality research experience and whether you feel it will be possible to develop a positive working relationship. You are required to explore at least prospective mentors by scheduling an appointment and conversing with them in addition to completing this form (*further instruction will be provided at the orientation*). Be sure to keep the McNair office updated as you move forward with this process and ask for assistance as needed. Good luck!

PROSPECTIVE MENTOR #1

Name: _____ Department: _____

Research specialty: _____

Sample publications: _____

Potential McNair research topic: _____

PROSPECTIVE MENTOR #2

Name: _____ Department: _____

Research specialty: _____

Sample publications: _____

Potential McNair research topic: _____

PROSPECTIVE MENTOR #3

Name: _____ Department: _____

Research specialty: _____

Sample publications: _____

Potential McNair research topic: _____

Questions to Consider	Option #1 Name:		Option #2 Name:		Option #3 Name:	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Is the professor currently conducting research in an area of interest to you?						
Are you familiar with their publications and able to estimate from their experience and background that the professor will be able to adequately direct a research project within your area of interest?						
Does the professor have adequate time to meet with you on a regular basis, especially over the summer?						
Will the professor be available to guide you over the duration of the project?						
Is the professor willing to devise with you a research project that will fit within the time frame of the program?						
Is the professor willing to guide you through the completion of the final research paper, as well as professional presentation of the research results?						
Does the professor exhibit the ability to communicate openly, clearly and effectively?						
Do you feel comfortable with the professor's philosophy on and/or general approach to research?						
Do you feel comfortable with the professor's personal character and attitude?						
Do you feel that you will be able to develop a positive working relationship with the professor?						