



**McNair / STARS Scholar
Program
2008-2009**

Research Action Plan (RAP)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

SCHOLAR NAME

DISCIPLINE

FACULTY MENTOR

Directions: Use the space provided to describe the research you propose to conduct as a McNair/STARS Scholar. During your summer/academic research internship workshop the McNair/STARS staff is available to answer your questions and assist you in completing this form. Call or come by if you need further support. The best help you can get to complete this form will be from your Faculty Mentor. (If additional space is needed an additional page may be attached.)

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM: (the topic your research will explore)

State the problem in complete sentences in as few words as possible. State the problem, don't just talk about it.

JUSTIFICATION/IMPORTANCE OF THE PROJECT:

Why is this proposed research needed? How will it add to the knowledge base in your discipline?

HYPOTHESES AND/OR RESEARCH QUESTIONS:

Hypotheses and/or research questions direct researchers' thinking in finding a solution to the problem (topic). List the hypotheses to be tested or state the research questions you will ask in seeking a solution to your research problem.

SOURCES OF LITERATURE REVIEW:

PURPOSE: To demonstrate that you have a clear idea of what is new about your proposed research. In the review, explain how your research builds on what has already been reported in the literature that relates to your problem.

Sources: List specific journals, abstracts, indexes, etc. that you will use.

METHODS OF DATA GATHERING/METHODOLOGY:

Tell step-by-step how data will be gathered to answer the questions or test the hypotheses of this research. (Keep in mind if you plan to use quantitative or qualitative methods.)

DATA ANALYSIS PROCEDURES:

Tell step by step how the data will be analyzed in order to reach conclusions about the questions or hypotheses of this research. (Keep in mind if you plan to use quantitative or qualitative methods.)

Outline of Project Activities:

Provide a timeline/calendar of research activities that will allow for completion by the end of the eight-week summer session.

SIGNATURES:

STARS Scholar

date

Faculty Mentor

date