HOW TO APPLY

Students must provide a completed application form including:
A personal essay
Letters of recommendation from two teachers (including one science teacher)
An official high school grade transcript
Applications must be postmarked and/or received by Friday, February 7, 2014 at 4pm

TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION, VISIT

http://voelckeracademy.uthscsa.edu
Applications available Nov 15., 2013

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**PURPOSE**
The vision of the Max and Minnie Tomerlin Voelcker Fund Biomedical Research Academy is to provide and immersive biomedical research educational and college preparatory program for San Antonio high school students. Through a collaborative partnership with the UT Health Science Center San Antonio, the goal of the Academy is to create a pipeline for the next generation of outstanding biomedical scientists for our community and the world.

The Voelcker Biomedical Research Academy partners the very best rising sophomores with outstanding biomedical scientists from the UT Health Science Center to promote excellence in scholarship and biomedical research training for a 3-year period. Students are selected from a broad array of San Antonio school districts, and parental involvement is strongly encouraged.

In year 1, the Academy consists of an immersive, hands-on, summer research program, in addition to participation in a number of special research oriented activities throughout the academic year. In years 2 and 3, distinguished Health Science Center scientists serve as the students’ mentors. At the conclusion of each year of the program, all successful Voelcker Scholars are awarded a Voelcker Student stipend and invited to participate in subsequent years of the program. In 2013, there are 108 Voelcker Scholars.

The metric for success of the Academy will be the development of a pool of highly competitive students in San Antonio who successfully pursue future careers in biomedical research in our community.

**ABOUT THE VOELCKER FAMILY**
Max and Minnie Tomerlin Voelcker were deeply interested in medical research, San Antonio and children. The Voelcker Fund Biomedical Research Academy is proud to support the goals of the Voelcker Fund to advance medical research that leads to cures for some of the most serious health conditions, including cancer, heart disease, muscular dystrophy, arthritis, macular degeneration and neurodegeneration.

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**VOELCKER BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH ACADEMY**
*A unique opportunity for students to experience the world of research at an early age*

**WHO**
Up to 20 high school students from the Greater San Antonio Area are expected to participate in year 1. Applicants must be recommended by two teachers, including one recommendation from a science teacher and be classified as rising sophomores in the 2013-2014 school year. Criteria used to select candidates are class rank, transcript, essay and personal interview.

**WHEN**
7-week program from June 18 - July 31, 2014. An average day is from 5-8 hours.

**WHERE**
UT Health Science Center San Antonio, 7703 Floyd Curl Drive
Scholarships for transportation costs available if needed.

**OVERVIEW**
The Voelcker Biomedical Research Academy commitment requires a considerable effort from each participant. No other major activities should be planned for the duration of the summer program. Students are also invited to activities scheduled during the academic year and are expected to make every effort to attend. At the conclusion of the summer program, students will present their work at an award reception and receive a financial Voelcker student stipend.

**REQUIREMENTS**
* Parental permission and attendance at orientation and reception events
* 90 in math, science and English (85 or better if honors or AP)
* Must be in good standing in all courses
* 2 letters of recommendation (1 from a science teacher)
* Satisfactory conduct grade
* A well-written essay
* Interview for selected applicants