

Max and Minnie Tomerlin Voelcker Fund
Announcement of Scholar and Young Investigator Awards

The Max and Minnie Tomerlin Voelcker Fund has announced the 2009 recipients of its Young Investigator Awards and Scholar Awards which will provide \$4,000,000 in charitable grants for research in the San Antonio, Texas area over the next five years.

The Young Investigator Awards, which provide each recipient \$150,000 per year over five years (\$750,000), are intended to support young scientists conducting medical research to find cures for cancer, heart disease, arthritis, muscular dystrophy, retinitis, and/or macular degeneration of the retina.

The Scholar Awards, which provide a one time award of \$500,000 to each recipient, are intended to foster development and productivity of outstanding, established scientists conducting medical research to find cures for cancer, heart disease, arthritis, muscular dystrophy, retinitis, and/or macular degeneration of the retina.

Following are the 2009 award recipients, along with their institutions and project titles:

Scholar Awards:

Dr. Sunil Ahuja, M.D.

University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas
Genetic and Epigenetic Mechanisms Underlying Autoimmune Arthritis

Dr. Rong Li, Ph.D.

University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas
BRCA1 and its Cofactor in Endocrine Resistance

Young Investigator Awards:

Dr. Ricardo Aguiar, M.D., PhD.

University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas
MicroRNA-155 Targets the TGF β Pathway in Lymphomas; Biology and Clinical Translation

Dr. Patricia Dahia, M.D., Ph.D.

University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas
Uncovering the Function of a Novel Tumor Suppressor Gene

Dr. David Kadosh, Ph.D.

University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas
Identification of New Antifungal Targets to Treat Cancer and Heart Patients

Dr. Merry L. Lindsey, Ph.D.

University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas
Role of Periodontal Disease in Post-Myocardial Infarction Remodeling