

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

The Max and Minnie Tomerlin Voelcker Fund has announced the 2010 recipients of its Young Investigator Awards and Scholar Award which will provide over \$2,000,000 in charitable grants for research in the San Antonio, Texas area over the next three years.

The Young Investigator Awards, which provide each recipient \$150,000 per year over three years (\$450,000), 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 up to \$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 2010 award recipients, along with their institutions and project titles:

Scholar Awards:

**Dr. Tyler J. Curiel M.D., M.P.H.**

University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas  
Development of Effective and Tolerable Age-Specific Tumor Immunotherapy

Young Investigator Awards:

**Dr. Alexander Bishop, Ph.D.**

University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas  
Determining Cisplatin Survival Factors to Augment Ovarian Cancer Treatment

**Dr. Doug E. Frantz, Ph.D.**

University of Texas At San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas  
Development of Novel Stem Cell-Based Therapeutics to Treat Heart Disease and Cancer

**Dr. Lorena M. Havill, Ph.D.**

Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research, San Antonio, Texas  
Genetic Contributions to Knee Osteoarthritis Risk

**Dr. Sunil Sudarshan, M.D., Ph.D.**

University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas  
Metabolic Links to Renal Cancer