

**Max and Minnie Tomerlin Voelcker Fund Request for Proposals on
Translational Research to Prevent or Cure Cancer, Arthritis, Heart Disease,
Muscular Dystrophy, Retinitis and/or Macular Degeneration**

**Instructions for Applications
For
Scholar and Young Investigator Awards**

General Instructions for Submission:

Applicants should provide:

- _ One (1) signed original of the complete application
- _ Two (2) paper copies of the entire application
- _ One (1) CD-ROM containing a single Portable document Format (PDF) file containing the entire application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review their final PDF prior to submission. It is the applicant=s responsibility to ensure that all materials to be included in the application have been properly converted and inserted into the PDF file.

Application forms for the Scholar Award and the Young Investigator Award are available at www.voelckerfund.org You must fill in all the requested information. You will be able to print a copy, but this form cannot be used to submit electronically. The Fund is not able to accept electronic submissions at this time. There are detailed instructions for completing each section of the pertinent application form.

The Voelcker Scholar and Young Investigator Award Program is open only to faculty at one of the following institutions:

- _ The University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas
- _ The University of Texas, San Antonio, Texas
- _ The Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research, San Antonio, Texas

The grant receiving organization accepting and administering the award must be a public charity exempt from federal income taxation described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (A Code@) but cannot be a Private Foundation or a Type III Supporting Organization as defined in Section 509(a) of the Code.

Applications are due by 4:00pm CST on March 1, 2010

Mailing, Federal Express and Street Address for Submission:

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Frequently Asked Questions:

How serious are you about the page limit on the research plan?

All Applicants must stay within the set 9 page limit.

Does the bibliography to my research plan count toward the 9 page maximum plan?

No it is considered part of the supportive materials. However, graphs, charts and diagrams do count toward the 9 page maximum. Abbreviations should be limited in the text.

For Young Investigators I have two mentors. Can my mentors both write a letter of support?

If you have multiple mentors, you may use one of the following options: Have your mentors write a joint letter; have two mentors each write a one-page letter; or select one mentor to write a two-page letter. Whichever option you choose, the total number of pages devoted to mentor letters must not exceed two.

Are there font or margin requirements for the research plan?

Use standard 12 point type for the text, and no smaller than 9 to 10 point type for the figures, legends, tables and diagrams. Text must be single-spaced, with one-inch or larger margins on all sides.

I do not have a tenure track position. Am I eligible for the Young Investigator award?

Possibly. Exceptions are made for departments/institutions that do not offer tenure to anyone at any level, a common situation in clinical departments at many universities. Applications from institutions that do not offer tenure must demonstrate an strong institutional commitment which should be stated in the department head's letter.

What level of assistant professor is eligible for the Young Investigator award?

Any level of assistant professor is eligible. If your title is different but is still truly equivalent to an assistant professorship, you are eligible for the award.

I am in the process of applying for permanent residency in the United States. Am I eligible for this award?

No. Application candidates must have their Agreen card@ in hand or their current passport stamped with a red I-551 stamp.

I have applied for permanent residency in the United States but have not received my AGreen Card@. Am I eligible for this award?

Only if your current passport is stamped with a red I-551 stamp are you eligible for this award.

Are indirect costs allowed?

No indirect costs may be charged against the grant. The grant will provide a 10% administration fee.

Are grantees permitted to have other simultaneous funding for example from the National Institutes of Health or another foundation?

Yes, but it may not overlap with this award.

When will I be notified as to whether I have been selected as a finalist?

All applicants will be notified by late June 2010.

If you have questions not answered, please email elijenwall@scs-law.com with the type of application in the subject head (either Scholar or Young Investigator) with your question.