

# 2018 BioFORCE Summer Academy

National Center for Therapeutics Manufacturing

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY



## APPLICATION PROCESS

Thank you for your interest in the BioFORCE Summer Academy created by the Texas A&M National Center for Therapeutics Manufacturing. To apply for the **2018** academies, please follow the instructions below:

- **ELIGIBILITY:** Ensure you meet requirements listed here: <http://nctm.tamu.edu/Training/BioFORCE>
- **ACCOUNT:** Create an account in the NCTM student portal: <https://nctmtp.teex.tamus.edu>
- **REGISTER:** Log in to the portal and select “**2018 BioFORCE Summer Academy**” from the list. Applicants then register for their prospective class: BioFORCE I (currently 9th graders), BioFORCE II (currently 10th graders), BioFORCE III (currently 11th graders).
- **UPLOAD:** Applicants will also need to upload a personal essay and a current high school transcript to their account in the training portal. Click “**Add Additional Documents to Your Transcript**” button located at the top on the top right of the screen. Required fields:
  - \*Document Description (transcript, essay, teacher recommendation)
  - \*Provider (choose NCTM)

Make sure all additional documents are uploaded to the system by **April 6, 2018**. You will be notified via email of your status by **April 13, 2018** and must accept the award by **April 30, 2018**.

## TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

Tuition for each of the 2018 BioFORCE academies is **\$250** and includes 4-day lodging and meals, as well as program supplies and lab materials. The BioFORCE Program seeks support through grants and fundraising to execute the program annually, and through past years, the BioFORCE Program has been successful in securing support from the Texas Workforce Commission’s Summer Merit Program. The nominal student tuition fee helps cover the costs to produce the BioFORCE program that are not otherwise covered by NCTM’s annual fundraising and grant-seeking efforts. However, our goal is to make BioFORCE accessible to everyone, so limited financial aid is available to those in need. Please contact Jenny Ligon, NCTM Assistant Director, for eligibility requirements by email [Programs@NCTMmail.tamu.edu](mailto:Programs@NCTMmail.tamu.edu) or phone (979) 847-5852.



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## Personal Essay:

Please write/attach an essay (min of 500 words, max of 1500 words) addressing the following:

- Describe your interest in science and why you would like to attend the BioFORCE Academy.
- What are you expecting to learn, and what are your long-term goals of attending the 3-year academy?
- Share your personal motivations that persuaded you to apply for BioFORCE.