INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR
THE ACADEMY FOR TWICE-EXCEPTIONALITY

A newly designed program for neurodiverse students with very high academic potential (twice-exceptional) who will enter the University of Iowa in the Fall of 2021.

What is the primary goal of the Academy for Twice-Exceptionality?
To contribute to a positive and fulfilling college experience through a focus on nurturing students' talents while also creating a sense of community and helping students connect with resources from the Belin-Blank Center, the University of Iowa, and the broader community.

What are the main features of the Academy for Twice-Exceptionality?
Fostering independence and success across academic, social, emotional, career, and community engagement aspects of life. This includes:

- A designated living community with its own Resident Assistant (RA) in Daum Residence Hall, the Honors Residence Hall.
- Weekly seminars on self-efficacy and adjusting to university life.
- Opportunities to build adaptive functioning skills.
- Individualized support in navigating the university, facilitating access to support services on campus including mental health services and career counseling, organizing social activities, and maintaining regular communication between the Academy and parents.

Who is eligible?
Students entering their first semester who are eligible for the Honors Program.

Is there a focus on a specific type of neurodiversity?
Yes, college-bound students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or who identify as Autistic.

What office administers the Academy for Twice-Exceptionality?
The Belin-Blank Center (B-BC), in collaboration with other UI offices, including Student Disability Services, is the administrative home. The B-BC is renowned for its expertise in talent development, psychoeducational support, and advocacy of high ability and twice-exceptional students through the administration of a broad range of student talent development programs, clinical services, professional development, and research.

How do I apply?
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