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Employment Opportunities

Faculty Position.—The Department of Medical and Molecular Genetics, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, is seeking applicants for a tenure-track research position in Molecular Genetics at the assistant/associate professor level. Candidates must have an M.D. or Ph.D. degree with established research experience and must be capable of attracting extramural funding on a national level. Applicants should submit a letter of interest, a C.V., and a list of references to: Dr. Merrill D. Benson, Chairman, Department of Medical and Molecular Genetics, 975 West Walnut Street, IB-13, Indianapolis, IN 46202-5251. Indiana University is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer and specifically invites and encourages minority and women applicants.

Health Scientist Adminstrator.—The Division of Genetics and Developmental Biology, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda (Biological Sciences) GS–601–12/13/14 ($48,796–$89,142). The incumbent will be responsible for stimulating, planning, advising on, directing, and evaluating program activities for a portfolio of basic biomedical research grants in the area of molecular genetics, with an emphasis on one or more of the following: the genetics of complex biological systems, genomic organization, and/or chromosomal organization and structure. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, and must have met all the requirements for a Ph.D. (or equivalent doctoral degree), and must have (1) worked independently in planning, organizing, and conducting biomedical, behavioral health, or health-related research; (2) served effectively in research program administration in these fields; and (3) acquired an understanding of the history, interests, internal dynamics, and relationships of organizations where health research is conducted. The best-qualified candidates will be chosen on the basis of demonstrated competence in the following Knowledge and Abilities (KSAs): (1) knowledge of molecular genetics, with an emphasis on one or more of the following: the genetics of complex biological systems, genomic organization, and/or chromosomal organization and structure; (2) ability to work effectively as part of a team; (3) ability to make critical judgments about biomedical research projects; (4) ability to provide expert advice on research trends in genetics and related areas; and (5) ability to write about complex scientific topics. To obtain complete application requirements by fax, call (800) 728-JOBS and request fax ID 3613. National Institute of General Medical Sciences, Personnel Office, 45 Center Drive–MSC 6200, Suite 3As.13, Bethesda, MD 20892-6200. Applications must be postmarked by the closing date of March 15, 1999. NIH is an equal opportunity employer.

Meetings

Gordon Research Conference on Human Molecular Genetics.— To be held August 8–13, 1999, at the Salve Regina University, Newport, RI. Topic areas include molecular cytogenetics; genomics and disease; cardiovascular genetics; developmental pathways, malformations, and cancer; and neurogenetics. The conference is or-

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ganized by Uta Francke (chair), Edward Rubin (vice chair), and David Cox, David Ledbetter, Maximilian Muenke, and Robert Nussbaum (session chairs). Invited speakers include Sydney Brenner (keynote) and leading scientists working with humans and/or experimental animals. To optimize discussion and informal interactions, attendance will be limited to 135 people. Attendees may be selected to present short talks and are encouraged to present posters. To apply, contact the Gordon Research Conferences office: phone (401) 783-4011; fax (401) 783-7644; E-mail: app@grcmail.grc.uri.edu; WWW: http://www.grc.uri.edu.html, or write to Conference Application, Gordon Research Conferences, University of Rhode Island, P.O. Box 984, West Kingston, RI 02892-0984.

Regional Mapping Panels

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (*NIGMS*).—The Human Genetic Mutant Cell Repository has regional mapping panels available for distribution as cell cultures or DNA. These mapping panels, consisting of 5–10 human/rodent somatic cell hybrids with deletion or derivative human chromosomes, are available for chromosomes 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, and X. Regional mapping panels for additional human chromosomes will be available in the near future. The panels have been characterized cytogenetically by G-banded chromosome analysis, in situ hybridization using biotinylated total human DNA, and, in some cases, with chromosome-specific painting probes. Molecular characterization included Southern blot hybridization and/or PCR with p and q arm probes and primers. Information about these cultures and DNA is available via the World Wide Web (http://locus.umdnj.edu/nigms) or by contact with the Repository: NIGMS Human Genetic Mutant Cell Repository, Coriell Cell Repositories, 401 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ 08103; phone (800) 752-3805 in the United States; (609) 757-4848 from other countries; fax (609) 757-9737; E-mail: ccr@arginine.umdnj.edu

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Call for Patients

Center for Molecular Medicine and Genetics.—Researchers at Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, are searching for the gene(s) contributing to risk for aneurysms. Drs. S. Helena Kuivaniemi and Gerardus C. Tromp are leading this research effort. Currently, they are collecting family histories and blood samples from families having more than one first-or second-degree affected relative. Characterization of risk alleles will allow identification of individuals at higher risk for developing aneurysms and consequently allow diagnostic screening prior to rupture. Early detection and surgical repair of aneurysms can greatly increase the chance for survival. Families may be referred to our group by calling the study coordinator, Alicia Salkowski, at (313) 577-9735, Dr. Helena Kuivaniemi at (313) 577-8733, or Dr. Gerardus Tromp at (313) 577-8773; by visiting our web site at: http://cmmg.biosci.wayne.edu/ags.html; or by writing to Center for Molecular Medicine and Genetics, Wayne State University School of Medicine, 3116 Scott Hall, 540 East Canfield, Detroit, MI 48201.