

# Announcements<sup>1</sup>

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

*Associate Research Scientist, Columbia University.*—We are recruiting candidates for Head for our Genotyping Core Laboratory. The candidate selected will direct a small team to implement a diverse array of large-scale genotyping studies with microsatellite markers and SNP-based assays. The candidate will be expected to publish peer-review articles and to present at major conferences and should possess a Ph.D. (or equivalent degree) in genetics or a related field, with a minimum of 3 years of genotyping experience. Columbia University is an equal-opportunity employer. Send a curriculum vitae and the names of three references to Alla Kuznetsova, Administrator, Judith P. Sulzberger Columbia Genome Center, 1150 St. Nicholas Avenue, Room 507, New York, NY 10032.

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*ASHG Executive Vice President.*—The American Society of Human Genetics seeks an ASHG member, with an advanced professional degree in human genetics and a major interest in policy development, media communication, and science writing, to assume the position of Executive Vice President (EVP) of the Society. The EVP will work in the administrative office of the Society and will act as the Society spokesperson on a daily basis. In this full-time paid position, the EVP will work with ASHG staff and report directly to the ASHG Board of Directors through the elected President. Among other responsibilities, he or she will make recommendations

to the President, implement decisions, maintain communication with other professional societies, and work on behalf of the human genetics community with Congress and the federal government. For this highly visible position, candidates must have a professional degree (M.D., Ph.D., or M.Sc.) in human genetics or a related field; extensive experience and stature in the human genetics community; experience and proficiency in written and oral communication; and at least some familiarity with the Congressional appropriations process, legislative analysis, and policy development. Applicants are requested to submit a curriculum vitae and a cover letter clearly outlining their qualifications for the position and giving their salary requirements. Applicants should also submit a 2–3-page plan outlining ideas relating to interpreting science and communicating human genetics topics to the public. Applications should be directed by January 15, 2001, to Elaine Strass, Executive Director, ASHG Administrative Office, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814; e-mail: estrass@genetics.faseb.org

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*Postdoctoral Training, Clinical Cytogenetics.*—A postdoctoral position is available in the Duke University Medical Center Clinical Cytogenetics Laboratory. The 2–3-year fellowship in cytogenetics has been developed to meet the training requirements of the American College of Medical Genetics and the American Board of Medical Genetics. Its objective is to equip the fellow for a career in human genetics, developing research and laboratory-directorship skills. Training will include both research and clinical aspects of medical genetics. Upon completion of the program, the fellow will be familiar with the field of medical genetics, including the areas of cyto-, biochemical, molecular, clinical, and population genetics, as well as genetics counseling. He or she will be able to demonstrate knowledge regarding specific areas of cytogenetic technologies for diagnosis. The laboratory performs chromosome analysis on bone marrow, peripheral blood, amniotic fluid, skin, products of conception, and solid tumor samples. A full range of

1. Announcements are published free of charge for members of The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG). Please mail announcements to The American Journal of Human Genetics, Emory University School of Medicine, 1462 Clifton Road, Room B28, Atlanta, GA 30322-3050; fax them to (404) 712-9984; or send via E-mail to ajhg@emory.edu. Submission must be received *at least 7 weeks* before the month of issue in which publication is requested. They must be double spaced with a 1½-inch margin on all sides. The maximum length is *250 words*, excluding the address for correspondence. Please include a cover letter indicating the name of the sponsoring ASHG member.

molecular cytogenetic (FISH) testing is also performed. The laboratory is located in the exciting academic environment of Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC. The Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill area offers broad academic, cultural, and leisure opportunities. The area was recently recognized as one of the "Top 5 places to live in the United States." Duke University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Applications and requests for further information should be sent to Barbara K. Goodman, Ph.D., Dept. of Pathology, DUMC Box 3712, Durham, NC 27710; telephone: (919) 684-6426; fax: (919) 681-7072; e-mail: barbara.goodman@duke.edu

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*Positions in Genetic Epidemiology.*—Positions for faculty, research associates, and postdoctoral fellows (the last being available only to U.S. citizens or persons admitted to the United States for permanent residency) are currently available in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH. Applicants will be expected to work on the analysis of family data and/or to develop new statistical theories in the area of genetic epidemiology. Faculty positions are tenure track, and fellowships are normally for 1, 2, or 3 years. For further information, please contact Robert C. Elston, Ph.D., Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Rammelkamp Center for Education and Research, MetroHealth Campus, Case Western Reserve University, 2500 MetroHealth Drive, R259, Cleveland, OH 44109-1998; telephone: (216) 778-3863; fax: (216) 778-3280; e-mail: rce@darwin.cwru.edu. Case Western Reserve University is an equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply for these positions.

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*Clinical Geneticist.*—The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences/Arkansas Children's Hospital is accepting applications for an assistant professor-level clinical geneticist to join an expanding genetics service. The clinical-genetics division of the Department of Pediatrics serves the State of Arkansas for diagnosis, counseling, and care of patients with birth defects and genetic disorders. Though a separate department, close ties exist with prenatal counselors and maternal/fetal-medicine physicians. Current clinical services include general genetics clinics for children, a genetics clinic for adults, and a cancer-genetics clinic. Our clinical biochemical geneticist conducts metabolic clinics. Multiple teaching activities are ongoing, including directorship and participation in the required medical-genetics course for medical students. A Birth Defects Institute and a Research Institute support research activities. The current clinical-genetics division includes a clinical geneticist and

a clinical biochemical geneticist, one or two genetics counselors, and a nurse specialist. The successful candidate must be board certified or eligible for certification. One month of ward duty per year is routinely expected. Clinical and teaching activities will be determined according to the special interests of the candidate. Research is encouraged and is well supported. Salary is competitive and will be in accordance with the candidate's qualifications. Applications with a curriculum vitae and references should be sent to Mary Curtis, M.D., Professor and Division Head, Clinical Genetics, UAMS/ACH, 800 Marshall Street, Little Rock, AR 72202; telephone: (501) 320-2966; fax: (501) 320-1564; e-mail: curtismarya@exchange.uams.edu

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*Medical Genetics Faculty Position.*—The Division of Genetics and Development in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Washington in Seattle is seeking an individual with experience in patient care, teaching, and clinical research who will participate in a network of clinical activities at Children's Hospital and in regional clinics in Washington and Alaska. This is a full-time position, and applicants should be ABMG-certified in clinical genetics. An individual will be appointed in the School of Medicine at the rank of assistant, associate, or full professor, depending upon experience and qualifications. Interested persons should send a curriculum vitae and the names of three references to Phillip F. Chance, M.D., Chief, Division of Genetics and Development, Box 356320, Department of Pediatrics, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, 98195; telephone: (206) 221-5465; e-mail: pchance@u.washington.edu. The University of Washington is building a culturally diverse faculty and strongly encourages applications from female and minority candidates. The University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

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*Clinical Geneticist.*—The Department of Pediatrics at Saint Louis University School of Medicine and Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital is seeking a clinical geneticist, either certified or eligible for certification by the American Board of Medical Genetics, for appointment at the assistant professor level within the Division of Medical Genetics. Responsibilities will include participation in clinical care and medical education. The division currently consists of one medical geneticist, three genetics counselors, and a Ph.D. cytogeneticist. The division provides a wide range of inpatient and outpatient services at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, other area hospitals, and outreach-clinic sites. The division also interacts closely with the Maternal/Fetal Medicine Division of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology to provide prenatal genetics services. Comprehensive

cytogenetics and biochemical-genetics laboratories are on site. Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital is a 160-bed free-standing hospital and ambulatory care center located in midtown St. Louis and serves a diverse population from the inner city, the metropolitan area, and a 200-mile referral radius. The medical staff includes >90 full-time site-based faculty of Saint Louis University School of Medicine. Saint Louis University is a Catholic Jesuit institution dedicated to education, research, and health care. Candidates should have a strong record of academic achievement in clinical genetics. Interested candidates should submit a curriculum vitae to Dr. Dorothy K. Grange, M.D., Director of Medical Genetics, Department of Pediatrics, Saint Louis University School of Medicine, 1465 South Grand Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63104-1095; telephone: (314) 577-5639; e-mail: grangedk@slu.edu. Saint Louis University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and encourages nominations and applications of women and minorities.

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#### CONFERENCE

*Great Lakes Chromosome Conference.*—The annual Great Lakes Chromosome Conference will take place in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on May 17 and 18, 2001. This cytogenetic conference will provide, in a relaxed format, an update on current aspects of clinical cytogenetics and related research projects. For further information, please contact Dr. S. Farrell or Dr. M. Spevak by e-mail, at sfarrell@cvh.on.ca, or by telephone, at (905) 813-4104.

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#### PRIZES

*\$20,000 in Prizes for Neurofibromatosis Research.* The National Neurofibromatosis Foundation (NNFF)

and the International Neurofibromatosis Association are offering \$20,000 to graduate students for research ideas in biology and genetics, with a concentration on neurofibromatosis (NF). The prize includes a \$2,000 stipend for the winner to attend an international NF meeting. Runners-up can compete for prizes of \$5,000 and \$3,000. Entries are due between November 1, 2000, and January 30, 2001. The winners will be announced on March 1, 2001. A three-page outline should be submitted via e-mail (emayer@nf.org). The NNFF Web site (<http://www.nf.org>) gives full details of the prize, the application rules, and how to apply via e-mail.

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#### RESIDENCY

*Medical Genetics Residency.*—The Center for Human Genetics at Boston University School of Medicine has a position available for a 2- or 3-year residency in an accredited training program in clinical genetics that aims at certification by the American Board of Medical Genetics. The starting date would be July 1, 2001. This training program provides comprehensive, broad-based exposure to all areas of clinical genetics, including clinical molecular genetics, cytogenetics, maternal serum screening, clinical genetic diagnosis, and counseling, as well as prenatal diagnosis. Significant opportunities exist for research projects. Candidates are expected to have completed at least 2 years of training in an accredited program, preferably in pediatrics or internal medicine. Please send a curriculum vitae to Aubrey Milunsky, M.D., D.Sc., Director, Center for Human Genetics, 715 Albany Street, Boston, MA 02118; fax: (617) 638-7092; e-mail: amilunsk@bu.edu