

Announcements¹

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Faculty Positions in Human Genetics.—The Department of Human Genetics at Emory University School of Medicine is currently seeking physician scientists for tenure-track appointments at the assistant or associate professor level. Applicants must be certified (or eligible for certification) by the American Board of Medical Genetics (ABMG) and must possess an M.D. or an M.D./Ph.D. Successful candidates will join a rapidly expanding research program in human genetics and genomics under the leadership of Steve Warren, Ph.D., as well as a fully reorganized and vibrant clinical division under the leadership of David Ledbetter, Ph.D., Division Director, and Paul Fernhoff, M.D., Medical Director. The Division of Medical Genetics within the Department of Human Genetics is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) for genetic residencies and by the ABMG for training in all subspecialties. The successful applicant would have at least 75% of his/her time devoted to research and teaching, with the remainder of time devoted to patient care. Any area of contemporary human genetics research is acceptable, with primary consideration being given to evidence of future research success and innovation. Generous start-up packages and competitive salaries are available. Candidates should send (preferably by e-mail) a curriculum vitae, as well as descriptions of research and clinical experience and future research plans, to Faculty Search Committee, Department of Human Genetics, Emory University School of Medicine, 615 Michael Street, Suite 301, Atlanta, GA 30322; e-mail: facsearch

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, Department of Human Genetics, Emory University School of Medicine, 615 Michael Street, Room 301, 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.

@genetics.emory.edu. Letters of reference will be requested at a later date. Emory University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Postdoctoral Positions in Human Genetics.—Five laboratories in the Department of Human Genetics at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA, are currently seeking postdoctoral candidates. Successful candidates will join laboratories in a vibrant and rapidly expanding department that includes both basic science and clinical activities in human genetics and genomics. Current faculty seeking postdoctoral candidates are (1) Andrew Escayg (aescayg@genetics.emory.edu), whose research utilizes human and mouse genetics to identify novel genes and pathways that underlie a variety of inherited human neurological disorders, including epilepsy, ataxia, and migraine; (2) Judy Fridovich-Keil (jfridov@emory.edu), whose laboratory has two positions currently open, one involving studies of the metabolic disorders transferase-deficiency and epimerase-deficiency galactosemia, using yeast and mammalian cell systems, and the other involving studies of the yeast multiple KH-domain RNA-binding protein Scp160p; (3) David Ledbetter (dledbetter@genetics.emory.edu), whose focus is on molecular cytogenetics, including mechanisms and consequences of human chromosome abnormalities, telomeres, centromeres, and genomewide assessment of gene-dosage imbalance by arrayCGH; (4) Xiao-Jiang Li (xiaoli@genetics.emory.edu), who investigates the molecular mechanisms of Huntington and polyglutamine neurodegenerative diseases; and (5) Steve Warren (swarren@genetics.emory.edu), whose research includes clinical, biochemical, and genetic studies of fragile X and fragile X tremor/ataxia syndromes, as well as microRNAs in human disease. Candidates should e-mail a curriculum vitae, including the names and contact information of at least three references, directly to the principal investigator of the laboratory in which they are interested. Emory University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Reproductive Geneticist.—An immediate full-time faculty opening is available for a reproductive geneticist to join an active academic hospital-based clinical practice and to direct reproductive genetics within the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine. Hutzel Hospital serves southeastern Michigan and is the primary obstetrical care center for the Detroit Medical Center, which is affiliated with Wayne State University School of Medicine. The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology has a strong academic program with emphasis on clinical and basic research, education, and training. There is an accredited residency program in medical genetics, an accredited fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine, and an accredited genetic counseling graduate program. The university also has the following programs that are supported by the National Institutes of Health: (1) Maternal-Fetal Medicine Network, (2) Neonatal Unit Network, (3) Reproductive Endocrinology Network, (4) Womens Health Research Scholars, (5) Womens Health Initiative, and (6) Perinatal Pharmacology Network. Additional resources include a perinatal database to support clinical epidemiological research in obstetrics and the C.S. Mott Center, a freestanding facility devoted to basic science research in obstetrics and gynecology. We are soliciting outstanding candidates with demonstrated academic achievements in reproductive genetics. The candidate must possess board certification (or be eligible for certification) in obstetrics and gynecology and must be certified (or an active candidate) in clinical genetics by the American Board of Medical Genetics. Board eligibility or certification in maternal-fetal medicine is preferred but not required. The candidate should have experience and competence in prenatal diagnosis, clinical genetics, and fetal diagnostic procedures. There are opportunities to perform invasive fetal therapeutic procedures. Academic appointment is commensurate with qualifications. For further information, please send a curriculum vitae to Yoram Sorokin, M.D., Director, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, 4707 St. Antoine Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48201; telephone: (313) 745-0792; fax: (313) 993-2685; e-mail: ysorokin@med.wayne.edu. Wayne State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Postdoctoral Positions in Genetic Epidemiology.—Members of the Human Genetics Program at the University of California, San Francisco, are seeking postdoctoral fellows to participate in ongoing and new multicenter projects aimed at understanding the genetic basis of complex diseases among racially admixed populations. Projects include candidate-gene association studies, studies of population stratification, and inves-

tigations of admixture linkage disequilibrium and its utility in mapping complex disease genes. Opportunities for training and research are available in many studies, including projects on asthma, pharmacogenetics, breast cancer, and diabetes. The research environment is enhanced by large, family-based, and population-based sample sets of well-phenotyped, racially diverse individuals; a genetics core facility enabling genetics research in large patient populations; and strong national and international collaborative ties. Our group is highly interactive and includes physician scientists, genetic epidemiologists, geneticists, and molecular biologists. A strong background in a quantitative science is required; experience in human genetic studies of complex traits is recommended. Applicants must work well with others and have excellent communication skills. Preference will be given to applicants meeting residency requirements for sponsorship from a National Institutes of Health training grant. Please send a curriculum vitae and three letters of recommendation to Dr. Esteban Gonzalez Burchard, M.D., Director, Asthma Genetics Core Facility and UCSF DNA Bank, University of California, San Francisco, Box 0833, San Francisco, CA 94123-0833; telephone: (415) 206-3491; fax: (415) 206-3463; e-mail: eburch@itsa.ucsf.edu. The University of California at San Francisco is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

Tenure-Track Assistant/Associate Professors of Genetics.—As part of a universitywide programmatic expansion in genetics and genomics, the Department of Genetics at the Louisiana State University (LSU) Health Sciences Center in New Orleans invites applications for two tenure-track faculty positions at the assistant or associate professor level. Applicants must hold a Ph.D. and/or M.D. degree, with postdoctoral experience in human genetics, genomics, or computational biology, and must have demonstrated the ability to obtain extramural support and develop an independent research program. The successful candidate will be a member of the Molecular and Human Genetics Center and will enjoy state-of-the-art equipment and facilities. Contributing to the graduate- and medical-student teaching activities of the department is expected. Please send a curriculum vitae, a description of research interests, and at least three letters of reference to Bronya Keats, Ph.D., Department of Genetics, LSU Health Sciences Center, 533 Bolivar Street, New Orleans, LA 70112. The LSU Health Sciences Center is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Assistant Director of Molecular Genetics.—Laboratory Corporation of America is seeking applicants for the

position of assistant director for our expanding molecular genetics laboratory at the Center for Molecular Biology and Pathology in Research Triangle Park, NC. We are seeking a molecular geneticist to provide scientific and technical support for an expanding molecular genetics program. The candidate will join a growing team of geneticists and genetic counselors managing a full-service genetics program, including services in molecular genetics, biochemical genetics, and cytogenetics. The assistant director will assist in assay review, result sign-out, quality assurance, technologist supervision, day-to-day management of the molecular genetics laboratory, physician consultation, and internal and external education efforts, and he or she will be expected to participate in the genetics group team meetings. Candidates must possess a Ph.D. and should be either board certified or board eligible in clinical molecular genetics. The molecular genetics laboratory offers a broad menu of >50 tests and services and is part of a clinical laboratory with a distribution network that covers the entire country. Salary is negotiable and will be commensurate with education, experience, and training. If you are interested, please send your resume or curriculum vitae to Susan Perez in our human resources department; telephone: (919) 572-6900, ext. 3104; e-mail: perezs@labcorp.com

Assistant and Associate Professor Positions in Genetics.—The Department of Genetics at the Louisiana State University (LSU) Health Sciences Center in New Orleans invites applications for tenure-track faculty positions at the assistant or associate professor levels in the areas of human genetics, genomics/bioinformatics, and genetic epidemiology. Exciting opportunities for collaborative interdisciplinary research exist through the LSU Centers of Excellence in Cancer, Neuroscience, Oral Biology, and Cardiovascular Biology, as well as the Louisiana Gene Therapy Consortium and the Kresge Hearing Research Laboratory. Successful candidates will enjoy state-of-the-art equipment and core facilities. Requirements are postdoctoral experience and the ability to establish an extramurally supported research program. Contributing to the graduate- and medical-student teaching activities of the department is expected. Please send a curriculum vitae, a description of research interests, and the ad-

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Locum Tenens Opportunity in Montana.—Shodair Children's Hospital, located in Helena, MT, provides clinical and laboratory genetic services statewide. The genetics department includes two physicians, three genetic counselors, and a laboratory staff of ~15 employees. The department provides clinical genetic services in the Helena area, at statewide satellite clinics, and through telemedicine. Laboratory services include cytogenetic and DNA analyses, as well as triple screens. The department does extensive work on fetal alcohol syndrome and inherited cancer. We are recruiting for a part-time or full-time locum tenens physician for a 12–18-month period. The position is flexible and can be structured around the needs of the right candidate. Located 15 miles from the Continental Divide, Helena is home to a wide variety of recreation activities, including blue-ribbon trout fishing, big-game hunting, water and snow skiing, and hiking. The community of ~35,000 also has extensive cultural opportunities. For more information, please visit the hospital's Web site (<http://www.shodairhospital.org>) or contact John P. Johnson, Shodair Children's Hospital, 2755 Colonial Drive, Helena, MT 59601; telephone: (800) 447-6614.

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Molecular Biology of Hearing and Deafness Conference.—A fifth meeting on the applications of molecular biology to the investigation of the auditory system will be held from September 30 to October 3, 2004, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Bethesda, MD. For more information, please visit the conference Web site (<http://cme.ucsd.edu/heardeaf/>) or contact the University of California, San Diego, Office of Continuing Medical Education, La Jolla, CA 92093-0617; telephone: (888) 229-6263 or (858) 534-3940; fax: (858) 534-7672; e-mail: ocme@ucsd.edu