

Announcements¹

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Tenure-Track Faculty Position.—The University of Michigan invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Genetics, at the C.S. Mott Childrens Hospital. We are seeking to expand the Division of Genetics (currently seven faculty and two genetic counselors) by hiring an instructional-track faculty member with an M.D. or M.D./Ph.D., strong experience in a basic or clinical research program in human or molecular genetics, and an outstanding track record of funded research and publications. American Board of Pediatrics certification and American Board of Medical Genetics certification/eligibility in biochemical genetics are required. Additional certification in molecular and/or clinical genetics is desirable. Rank will be commensurate with experience. Responsibilities will include the establishment or continuation of an externally funded, independent research program, codirection of the pediatric biochemical genetics laboratory, and participation in the newborn screening program of the State of Michigan. Interested applicants should send a curriculum vitae, a statement of research plans, and the names of at least three references by February 28, 2004, to Jeffrey W. Innis, M.D., Ph.D., Director, Division of Pediatric Genetics, University of Michigan, TC1924, Box 0318, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0318; telephone: (734) 647-3817; fax: (734) 763-3784; e-mail: innis@umich.edu. The University of Michigan Medical Center is an affirmative action employer; women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

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.

Postdoctoral Fellows.—Studies of the behavioral genetics of clinical psychiatric disorders require interdisciplinary teams of molecular geneticists, behavioral geneticists, and clinical researchers. The Institute for Behavioral Genetics, the Department of Psychiatry's Division of Substance Dependence, and the Department of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology of the University of Colorado (Boulder and Denver campuses) are collaborating on population genetic studies, molecular genetic studies, and clinical studies, aimed at defining genetic mechanisms and gene loci contributing to the clinical conditions of conduct disorder, antisocial personality disorder, and substance dependence. Several positions, supported by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, are open for postdoctoral fellows in psychiatry, psychology, behavioral genetics, and molecular genetics. Senior faculty include T. J. Crowley (psychiatry); J. K. Hewitt, R. P. Corley, M. C. Stallings (behavioral genetics); E. A. Whitmore (clinical psychology); and K. S. Krauter (molecular genetics). Salary range is in accordance with standard National Institutes of Health requirements. Interested U.S. citizens and permanent residents should send a letter of interest, including a statement of career goals, a curriculum vitae, and three letters of reference to Thomas J. Crowley, M.D., Department of Psychiatry, University of Colorado Health Science Center, 4200 East Ninth Avenue, C268-35, Denver, CO 80262. Review of applications will continue until suitable candidates are identified and the positions are filled. The University of Colorado is committed to diversity and equality in education and employment.

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@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.

CONFERENCE

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

CALL FOR PATIENTS

Developmental Genome Anatomy Project (DGAP).—Patients with apparently balanced chromosomal rearrangements and multiple congenital anomalies are being sought for participation in a gene-discovery research project. The goals of the Developmental Genome Anatomy Project (DGAP) include rapid mapping of chromosomal breakpoints, positional cloning of genes interrupted or dysregulated at the breakpoints, and validation of genes identified in specific anomalies through the creation of animal models. A further description of DGAP, sample submission and patient-consent forms, and contact information are all available on the Web site (<http://dgap.harvard.edu>) or by contacting Azra Ligon, by telephone at (617) 732-7671 or by e-mail at aligon@rics.bwh.harvard.edu, or Heather Ferguson, by telephone at (617) 525-4548 or by e-mail at hferguson1@partners.org. Your assistance with this project is deeply appreciated!