

Announcements¹

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Postdoctoral Position in Molecular Cytogenetics.—The Health Research and Education Center at Washington State University, Spokane, has a postdoctoral position immediately available for a person experienced in molecular biology. Experience in bioinformatics and molecular cytogenetic techniques is preferred. The opening is in the laboratory of Dr. Lisa Shaffer, whose laboratory investigates the chromosomal basis of genetic disease. Current projects include cloning the breakpoints of human translocations and deletions, investigating genomic imprinting mechanisms, and developing microarray technologies to diagnose cytogenetic anomalies. Individuals must possess a Ph.D. or M.D. degree. Interested persons should send their current curriculum vitae and a letter outlining their technical experience to Lisa G. Shaffer, Ph.D., Health Research and Education Center, Washington State University, Spokane, P.O. Box 1495, Spokane, WA 99210-1495; fax: (509) 358-7627; e-mail: lshaffer@wsu.edu. Washington State University is an EEO/AA educator and employer.

Postdoctoral Training Opportunity in the Genetics of Type 2 Diabetes.—A postdoctoral training position is available in the Genome Technology Branch of the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI). The position is in the laboratory of Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D., whose research includes work on the genetics of type 2 diabetes. Current studies in the lab focus on this disorder, in collaboration with clinical research-

ers in Finland, diabetes physiology experts at University of Southern California, and the statistical genetics experts of Mike Boehnke's group at the University of Michigan. Referred to as "FUSION" (Finland-United States Investigation of NIDDM), this project now represents one of the largest and most powerful studies of type 2 diabetes in the world. Candidates should have or be close to obtaining a Ph.D. degree in human genetics, genomics, molecular biology, or computational biology. Expertise in genotyping, linkage analysis, haplotyping, and association analysis is desirable, but skill in gene transfer, gene expression, proteomics, and/or animal models is also highly appropriate. The intramural research program is on the Bethesda campus and offers a wide array of training opportunities for young scientists. The funding for this position is stable and offers the trainee wide latitude in the design and pursuit of his or her research question. Access to extensive core facilities, including a transgenic mouse core facility, human clinical-translational research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) clinical center, and other facilities, allows a postdoctoral student to accomplish a great deal in a short time. The Washington, DC, area provides innumerable opportunities for cultural enrichment as well. Please send a curriculum vitae, a letter of interest, and the names of three potential referees to Francis Collins, M.D., Ph.D., Director, NHGRI Senior Investigator, Genome Technology Branch, Building 31, Room 4B09, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892; e-mail: fc23a@nih.gov. For more information, please visit the Collins Lab Web site (<http://www.genome.gov/10000351>). The Department of Health and Human Services and the NIH are equal opportunity employers.

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.

Associate Director.—The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina is seeking an associate director of the cytogenetics and molecular pathology laboratories. This is a tenure-track faculty position with academic rank and salary commensurate with qualifications, expertise, and accomplishments. The successful candidate will share clinical service responsibilities for the cytogenetics lab-

oratory, which processes ~2,300 samples/year, and the expanding molecular pathology laboratory, which performs both PCR-based testing for genetic disorders and infectious disease and FISH for hematologic malignancies, microdeletions, and solid-tumor studies. In addition to clinical service responsibilities, the associate director will participate in resident education, medical technologist training, and laboratory administration. The Medical University of South Carolina provides an academically stimulating environment that affords many teaching and research opportunities. Applicants must have a Ph.D. and/or M.D. degree and should be certified or eligible for certification by the American Board of Medical Genetics in both clinical cytogenetics and molecular genetics or by comparable boards. M.D.-qualified candidates must be eligible for a South Carolina medical license. Candidates with an interest in basic science and/or clinical research are encouraged to apply. Please submit a letter of interest, an updated curriculum vitae, and the names of three references to Janice M. Lage, M.D., Professor and Chair, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Medical University of South Carolina, 165 Ashley Avenue, Suite 309, P.O. Box 250908, Charleston, SC 29425. The Medical University of South Carolina is an equal opportunity employer.

Genetic Statistician/Statistical Geneticist.—Tenure-track associate professor and full professor positions are available in the Division of Genetic and Molecular Epidemiology of the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Case Western Reserve University. Applicants who have demonstrated research productivity in areas associated with the analysis of multifactorial traits are encouraged to apply. The Division has just moved into a new building and currently has 28 graduate students enrolled. Successful candidates will be expected to have an independent research program, to collaborate with clinicians, and to participate actively in the Division's graduate training program. For more information, visit the Division's Web site (<http://darwin.cwru.edu/gmed/>). Interested applicants should send a statement of career objectives, a curriculum vitae, and the names of three persons from whom letters of recommendation can be obtained to Dr. Robert Elston, Case Western Reserve University, Wolstein Research Building, 2103 Cornell Road, Cleveland, OH 44106-7281; fax: (216) 368-5630; e-mail: rce@darwin.cwru.edu. AA/EOE/M/F/D/V.

CONFERENCES

Pharmacogenomics: From Concept to Clinical Practice.—This conference will bring together investigators

with diverse expertise to address issues in the field of pharmacogenomics, from basic genomic structure to model systems and clinical applications. The conference will be held June 20–23, 2004, in Nashville, TN. Confirmed speakers include William Evans, Margaret Pericak-Vance, Jake Lulis, Michel Eichelbaum, Richard Kim, Denis Grant, Frank Gonzalez, Bruce Psaty, Pek Lum, Scott Weiss, Howard McLeod, Julie Johnson, Jim Kennedy, Stefan Kaab, Dan Burns, and Kari Stefansson. Session topics include “Genomic Analysis,” “Variable Drug Disposition as a Contributor to Variable Drug Actions,” “Variable Drug Targets as a Contributor to Variable Drug Actions,” “Toward Applied Pharmacogenomics,” and “Moving Pharmacogenomics to Clinical Practice.” Workshop topics include “Technology,” “Data Management and Analysis,” and “Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues.” For more information, please visit the conference Web site (<http://medschool.mc.vanderbilt.edu/vusc>) or contact Nanette Bahlinger, VUMC CME, 320 Light Hall, Nashville, TN 37232-0260; telephone: (615) 322-0672; fax: (615) 312-0951; e-mail: cme@vanderbilt.edu

XIIth World Congress on Psychiatric Genetics in Dublin.—Arrangements for the XIIth World Congress on Psychiatric Genetics in Dublin, to be held October 9–13, 2004, are progressing apace. Abstracts for oral and poster sessions are now arriving. Abstract submission can be done online, with easy-to-follow instructions. The firm deadline for abstract submission is May 14, 2004, but we urge you to submit your abstracts well before the deadline. Please be clear about your preferred option for presentation. Notification of acceptance of abstracts will be sent out by July 1. Registration is being offered at a reduced rate only until July 16, 2004. The meeting is likely to be very popular, so early registration and booking of accommodation is recommended. Registration and accommodation can be arranged on the conference Web site (<http://www.wcpg2004.ie>). Don't forget to book tickets for the main social event, the Congress Party, to be held in the Guinness Storehouse, a restored industrial facility in the heart of the brewery complex. This event, a departure from the more traditional banquet, will provide an exciting range of formal and informal dining opportunities and entertainment, and we particularly encourage all registrants to attend. The event is subsidized, especially for students (according to registration definition). Scientific queries should be directed to the Scientific Secretariat (wcpg2004@tcd.ie), and organizational queries should be sent to Eimear Burton at OVATION (wcpg2004@ovation.ie). The conference Web site contains a preliminary program with information about the plenary lectures, the invited symposia, and the educational symposia, as well as the latest details and news items pertaining to the conference.