Announcements[1]

Employment Opportunities

Director, Cytogenetics Laboratory.—Yale University School of Medicine is seeking a director for a laboratory that provides clinical testing in the areas of medical genetics, prenatal diagnosis, and oncology. Candidates must possess a Ph.D. and/or an M.D. and be board-eligible/-certified in clinical cytogenetics by the American Board of Medical Genetics. Primary appointment will be in the Department of Genetics, with a secondary appointment in the Department of Pathology; academic rank will be commensurate with experience. The successful applicant will have a strong commitment to an independent research program as well as state-of-the-art diagnostic services. Collaboration with clinicians and scientists and teaching at the medical, graduate, and postdoctoral levels are integral parts of the position. Interested applicants should submit a curriculum vitae and the names of three references to M. J. Mahoney, M.D., Yale University School of Medicine, Department of Genetics, P.O. Box 208005, New Haven, CT 06520-8005; e-mail: maurice.mahoney@yale.edu. Yale University is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, disability, or veteran status, except where such discrimination is required by law.

Postdoctoral Position in Genetics.—A postdoctoral position is immediately available to study the roles of noncoding RNAs (noncoding triplet repeats and microRNAs) in human diseases. Successful candidates will join a laboratory in a vibrant and rapidly expanding department that includes both basic science and clinical activities in human genetics and genomics. One of several projects can be pursued, according to the interests and experience of the candidate. Candidates should have a Ph.D. in genetics or a related field; experience in Drosophila genetics or mammalian neuronal culture will be preferred. Candidates should send a curriculum vitae, including the names and contact information of at least three references, to Dr. Peng Jin, Department of Human Genetics, Emory University School of Medicine, 615 Michael Street, Atlanta, GA 30322; e-mail: pjin@genetics.emory.edu

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Positions at Peking University Health Science Center.—The newly established Department of Medical Genetics at Peking University Health Science Center invites applicants to apply for multiple positions at levels of associate to full professor, depending on qualifications. Applicants must have a Ph.D. and/or an M.D. (or the equivalent), with a strong background in medical genetics and a track record of publications and grant funding. American Board of Medical Genetics certification/eligibility is desirable for clinical positions. Experience in clinical cytogenetics or clinical biochemical genetics, as well as in genetic counseling, is preferred. Hands-on experience in neuropsychological disorders and gene therapy is preferred but not required. An excellent start-up package, including housing assistance, is available through the University's policy. With strong support from the University and the Health Science Center, the department is building an outstanding medical genetics program. This is a great opportunity for an individual who wants to develop and expand his/her career into the rapidly growing area of medical genetics in China. Applications should include a cover letter, a detailed curriculum vitae, a description of research interests with a long-term scientific plan, and three references with contact information (telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, and mailing address). Applications from within China should be addressed to Nanbert Zhong, M.D.,

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Chairman, Department of Medical Genetics, Peking University Health Science Center, 38 Xueyuan Road, Haidian District, Beijing 100083, China; e-mail: GENETOMICS@AOL.COM. Applications from North America and other countries should be addressed to Nanbert Zhong, M.D., Director, Molecular Neurogenetic Diagnostic Laboratory, and Head, Developmental Genetics, New York State Institute for Basic Research in Developmental Disabilities, 1050 Forest Hill Road, Staten Island, NY 10314, U.S.A.; e-mail: GENETOMICS@AOL.COM

Clinical Geneticist and Medical Director.—The Regional Genetics Program at the Credit Valley Hospital is seeking both a clinical geneticist and a medical director. The program is accredited by the Canadian College of Medical Geneticists as a center for service and training, in conjunction with McMaster University. As a member of the program, you will be supported by a skilled team of clinical and laboratory geneticists, genetic counselors, and laboratory technologists. You will provide diagnosis and management of patients referred for consultation in clinical genetics and prenatal diagnosis, with the support of the molecular, biochemistry, and cytogenetics services. The successful candidate must either hold a fellowship in medical genetics (from the Royal College of Physicians of Canada, the American Board of Medical Genetics, or the equivalent) or be certified by the Canadian College of Medical Geneticists. You must be eligible for licensure in the province of Ontario. Interested candidates should forward a curriculum vitae to Dr. S. Farrell, c/o Medical Administration, The Credit Valley Hospital, 2200 Eglinton Avenue, West, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, L5M 2N1; telephone: (905) 813-4104; fax: (905) 813-4347. For information about Mississauga, visit http://www.city.mississauga.on.ca.

Call for Patients

Gene Identification Studies for Familial Chordoma.—Families in which two or more relatives have been identified as having chordoma are being sought by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), for participation in research to identify genes involved in the hereditary predisposition to this tumor. Eligible families must have at least one living member with chordoma and one or more blood relatives (living or deceased) with chordoma, or a child or young adult with a primary brain tumor. Individuals with chordoma or a brain tumor and selected family members will be invited to participate in clinical studies at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, MD. Participants will complete a personal/family medical history questionnaire, have a physical examination, provide a blood sample, and undergo magnetic resonance imaging studies of the skull base and entire spine at no cost to them. We will review the participants' clinical and imaging findings with them individually and provide them/their physicians with a written summary and copies of magnetic resonance images of any medically significant abnormalities. The NCI will pay for each participant's travel to and from Bethesda and for a local hotel room. For more information, contact Dr. Dilys Parry (telephone: [301] 496-4948; e-mail: parryd@mail.nih.gov) or Ms. Stephanie Steinbart (telephone: [800] 518-8474; e-mail: stephaniesteinbart@westat.com). We appreciate your assistance with this research.