

Announcements¹

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Assistant Director, Molecular Genetics Laboratories.—A new position is now available for a board-certified/board-eligible molecular geneticist at the assistant professor rank to work with the Director and Associate Director of Boston University's Center for Human Genetics in the DNA Diagnostic Laboratories. Extensive hands-on experience with DNA sequencing and analysis is important. Research interests and skills are also important. Superb University benefits are offered. Respond to Aubrey Milunsky, M.D., D.Sc., by e-mail (amilunsk@bu.edu).

Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor in Behavioral/Statistical Genetics.—The Institute for Behavioral Genetics at the University of Colorado, Boulder, seeks to recruit an expert in behavioral/statistical genetics. We invite applications for a tenured or tenure-track position with a joint appointment in an appropriate academic department. Preference will be given to candidates with an active research program involving the development of statistical genetics methods for the study of complex behavioral traits. The appointee will participate in the research and teaching missions of both the Institute and his or her academic department. Minimum requirements are a Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent terminal degree. Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, a statement of research and teaching interests, sample research papers, and at least three letters of recommendation to Search Committee (Faculty), Institute for Behavioral Genetics, University of Colorado, 447 UCB, Boulder, CO 80309-0447. Inquiries should be addressed to John K. Hewitt, Search Committee Chair, by telephone at (303)

492-0742 or by e-mail at John.Hewitt@Colorado.edu. Application review will begin immediately, and the position may remain open until filled. The appointment is expected to begin in August, 2006. The University of Colorado at Boulder is committed to diversity and equality in education and employment.

Clinical Cytogeneticist.—The cytogenetics department of Quest Diagnostics, Inc., Nichols Institute, Chantilly, VA, seeks an experienced clinical cytogeneticist to join the team-oriented management team of their expanding, full-service laboratory. The candidate should hold a Ph.D. or M.D. degree and should be board certified (or board eligible) in clinical cytogenetics by the American Board of Medical Genetics. Clinical responsibilities will include interpretation, reporting, and consulting of a diverse spectrum of prenatal, postnatal, and oncology cytogenetics and molecular cytogenetics tests. Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute is located in Chantilly, VA, near metropolitan Washington, DC. Full benefits offered by Quest Diagnostics include medical and dental insurance, 401(k) (matching 6%), an employee stock program, and other incentives, such as an on-site cafeteria and child-care facility. Quest Diagnostics offers a competitive salary and rank commensurate with experience and qualifications. Please forward a resume and a cover letter to Irene Grass, Employee Services, Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute, 14225 Newbrook Drive, Chantilly, VA 20153-0841; fax: (703) 802-7088; e-mail: recruitva@questdiagnostics.com. For questions or additional information about this announcement, please contact: Philip Mowrey, Ph.D., FACMG, by telephone at (800) 336-3718 x7094 or by e-mail at philip.n.mowrey@questdiagnostics.com. Equal opportunity employer.

1. Announcements are published free of charge for members of The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG). Please e-mail announcements to ajhg@ajhg.net. 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.

Faculty Positions in Human Behavioral Genetics or Developmental Neurogenetics.—The Vanderbilt Kennedy Center for Research on Human Development and the Department of Molecular Physiology and Biophysics invites applications for tenure-track faculty positions at

any rank in human developmental neurogenetics or behavioral genetics. Potential areas of interest include investigation of the genetic and epigenetic bases of cognitive and mental health disorders with a developmental etiology. Research programs in humans and animal models to investigate the role of gene-environment interactions in the pathogenesis of neurodevelopmental disorders are also of interest. The VKC has >140 investigators in research programs that include developmental neurobiology and plasticity, mood and emotion, communication and learning, and families. Candidates must have a Ph.D. and/or M.D. degree, at least 2 years of postdoctoral experience, a strong publication record, and evidence of the potential for obtaining extramural funding for their research programs. Successful candidates will receive a generous start-up package and will be housed in newly constructed facilities. The institution has outstanding core facilities, graduate and postdoctoral programs, and an interdisciplinary and collaborative environment. Complete applications should include a curriculum vitae, reprints of key recent publications, a brief statement of current and future research goals, and three letters of recommendation solicited by the applicant. Please send materials to Pat Levitt, Ph.D., Director, Vanderbilt Kennedy Center for Research on Human Development, Vanderbilt University, Box 40 Peabody, 230 Appleton Place, Nashville, TN 37203. Vanderbilt University Medical Center is strongly committed to diversity in attracting faculty to fill these positions and is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer.

Biostatistics Faculty Position.—A biostatistics faculty position is opening in the Channing Laboratory at Harvard Medical School. It will be an instructor or assistant professor position, commensurate with the successful candidate's publication and research experience. Research opportunities include design and analysis of nutritional clinical trials, development and deployment of analytic methods for longitudinal epidemiological studies, and collaborative work in computational genomics and statistical genetics. Requirements are a Ph.D. and at least 3 years of experience in biostatistical research and applications. Contact Charlene Foster, Channing Laboratory, 181 Longwood Ave, Boston MA, 02115. Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School are EO/AA employers. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Molecular Biology of Autism.—A postdoctoral fellowship position is available in the Center for Human Genetics at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC, to study the molecular bi-

ology and genetics of autism. We are searching for someone with a Ph.D. in biostatistics, statistical genetics, epidemiology, or a related field to conduct gene mapping and identification studies in autism in a state-of-the-art, world-class research environment and facility, in collaboration with faculty and postdoctoral fellows. A strong background in molecular biology and genetics, as well as knowledge of bioinformatics, is required. The candidate will be expected to supervise a research project, provide technical support to technicians, conduct data analysis, and prepare manuscripts. To apply, contact John R. Gilbert, Ph.D., at (919) 681-5543 or john@chg.duhs.duke.edu, or Margaret A. Pericak-Vance, at mpv@chg.duhs.duke.edu.

Research Associate Position in Genetic Epidemiology.—The Division of Genetic Epidemiology of the Medical University of Innsbruck, Austria, seeks to recruit a scientist with experience in genetic epidemiology and statistical genetics. We primarily investigate genetic risk factors for cardiovascular disease, with a focus on intermediate phenotypes, as well as other complex diseases. We are applying methods of linkage analysis, and we will further focus on genomewide association studies. It will be the task of the successful applicant to establish the necessary methods. Therefore, experience in bioinformatic methods will be helpful. Since coworkers and collaborative partners have to be consulted, communication skills and teamwork are required. However, the candidate should be also able to work relatively independently. It is expected that the appointee will write grant applications and scientific articles. For a detailed information on our Division and Genotyping Unit, please visit our Web site (<http://www.i-med.ac.at/genepi/>). Please send any inquiry concerning the position or your informal application, including a curriculum vitae and a statement of research and analysis experience, as soon as possible to Dr. Florian Kronenberg (e-mail: Florian.Kronenberg@uibk.ac.at).

CONFERENCES

"Obstacles to Translation" Conference.—A conference on "Obstacles to Translation—Overcoming the Barriers between Gene Defect and Molecularly Targeted Therapy of Heritable Skin Disorders" will be held March 1–2, 2006, at the University of California, San Francisco. This conference will address the obstacles that have prevented the translation of the knowledge of the gene defects underlying dozens of heritable skin diseases into useful, effective molecularly targeted therapies. The focus will be on obstacles to identification and production of useful

molecules, obstacles to their delivery and immunologic barriers to their use, regulatory obstacles, and financial obstacles. Speakers will be from the academic, FDA, pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and venture capital communities. The organizers are Ervin Epstein, Barbara Gilchrest, and Leonard Milstone. For more information, see the conference Web site (<http://dermatology.medschool.ucsf.edu/obstacles.aspx>) or e-mail epsteine@derm.ucsf.edu

2006 American Cytogenetics Conference.—The forthcoming biennial meeting of the newly incorporated American Cytogenetics Conference will be held April 27–30, 2006, at Emerald Pointe Resort and Conference Center in Lake Lanier Islands, GA (~1 hour from Atlanta). In addition to sessions on clinical, cancer, and nonhuman animal cytogenetics, the meeting will include the Distinguished Cytogeneticist Award honoring Dr. Jean Priest. Featured speakers and preliminary topics include Dr. Bradley Popovich, “Direct-to-Consumer Laboratory Testing”; Dr. Charles Lee, “Copy Number Variation”; Dr. Niels Tommerup, “Cytogenetics Database”; and Bhanu Chowdhary, “Equine Cytogenetics.” New this year will be the first Harold Klinger Memorial Award. For more information, contact the meeting coordinators: either Debra Saxe, PhD., Department of Human Genetics, Division of Medical Genetics, 2165 N. Decatur Road, Decatur, GA 30033-5307 ([\[genetics.emory.edu\]\(mailto:genetics.emory.edu\)\), or Dayna Wolff, Ph.D., Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Medical University of South Carolina, 165 Ashley Avenue, Suite 309, Charleston, SC 29425 \(\[wolffd@musc.edu\]\(mailto:wolffd@musc.edu\)\).](mailto:dsaxe@</p></div><div data-bbox=)

WORKSHOP

Microsatellite Consortium Workshop.—The inaugural Microsatellite Consortium Workshop will be held from November 30th to December 2nd, 2005, at King’s College, London. Confirmed speakers include Jim Weber, Mark Jobling, Skip Garner, Christian Schlotterer, Peter Lesch, Peter Tompa, Elena Jazin, John Fondon, Ranajit Chakraborty, Hidetoshi Inoko, John Quinn, and Gary Benson. The conference will focus on tandem repeat markers in association mapping of genetic traits and functional genomics (regulation of gene expression, splicing, and recombination), as well as evolutionary biology and comparative genomics. The workshop is funded by the EC Framework VI, and consequently we are able to offer some scholarships to young scientists from Central and Eastern Europe. Local organizers are Drs. Gerome Breen, Ian Craig, and David Collier. Get information and/or register (£125 for postdocs/faculty, £75 for students) at the workshop’s Web site (<http://www.microsatellites.org>) or by e-mail (meeting@microsatellites.org).