ANNOUNCEMENTS[1]

Employment Opportunities

Fellowships in Clinical Genetics.—The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, a leader in academic and clinical pediatrics training, currently has fellowship positions available in the field of clinical genetics beginning in July, 2007. Successful applicants will have an M.D. or equivalent degree and will be certified by the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) steps 1, 2, and 3, as the USMLE is required for Pennsylvania licensure. Applicants to the fellowship program must have completed residency training in an accredited training program. The training program at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia includes both inpatient and outpatient care in the areas of pediatric dysmorphology, metabolism, prenatal medicine, cytogenetics, and cancer genetics, as well as adult genetic disorders. A comprehensive research-based experience is also provided. The fellowship program encompasses 3 years of training: 1 year of clinical work and 2 years in a research lab. To apply, send your curriculum vitae, a summary of your genetics interests, and the names of three references to Ian Krantz, M.D., c/o Regina Harvey, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, RM 1002 ARC, 3615 Civic Center Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19104-4399; e-mail: harveyr@email.chop.edu

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Assistant Professor in Behavioral Genetics.—The Department of Psychology at the University of Colorado, Boulder, invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position in behavioral genetics. Preference will be given to candidates at the assistant professor level who specialize in developmental behavioral genetics, with a focus on individual differences in psychopathology, personality, temperament, cognition, and/or language development. 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 (BG Area), Department of Psychology, University of Colorado, 345 UCB, Boulder, CO 80309-0345. Inquiries should be addressed to Richard Olson, Search Committee Chair, by telephone (303-492-8865) or e-mail (rolson@psych.colorado.edu). We will begin reviewing applications on November 1, 2006, and will continue to review applications until the position is filled. The appointment is expected to begin in August, 2007. The University of Colorado at Boulder is committed to diversity and equality in education and employment.

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Sydney, Australia.—A vacancy exists with the Plunkett Chair of Molecular Biology (Medicine) at the University of Sydney (Australia) for a postdoctoral fellow who will conduct high-level independent research into the functional analysis of human genetic variants. Our laboratory is generally interested in understanding how the human genome—in conjunction with the environment—produces the multitude of human phenotypes. We are particularly interested in the contribution of human genetic variation to common, complex, significant public-health problems. We also have an interest in understanding the genetics of human metabolism and the genetic variation thereof. Finally, we will focus heavily on the functional consequences of human genetic variants. For more details, see Professor Juergen Reichardt's Web site (http://www.medfac.usyd.edu.au/people/academics/profiles/jreichardt.php). For a copy of the duty statement, contact Ms. Christine Cargill (ccargill@med.usyd.edu.au). All applications must be completed online. Specific enquiries about the role can be directed to Margaret Baker by telephone: +61 (0)2 9036 7298.

Assistant Professor.—The Department of Genetics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine is seeking candidates for an assistant professor position in the tenure track. Applicants must have a Ph.D. and/or M.D. degree and both documented strength in research and a commitment to education—two qualifications that will also be required for successful promotion. Applicants interested in any area of genetics are welcome, but those specializing in human genetics and genomics are particularly encouraged to apply. Attractive laboratory space and resources are available. Current members of the Department of Genetics study a wide array of experimental systems, from invertebrate organisms to humans, using genetic, molecular, cellular, and computational approaches. Collaborations are common with faculty in both basic science departments and clinical departments within the School of Medicine and in the Penn scientific community at large. For more information, visit the Department of Genetics Web site (http://www.med.upenn.edu/genetics/). The University of Pennsylvania is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. Women and minority candidates are also strongly encouraged to apply. The deadline for applications is January 30, 2006. Please submit by e-mail a curriculum vitae including a brief statement of re-

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search interests and arrange to have three reference letters sent to Dr. Tom Kadesch (genfac@mail.med.upenn.edu).

Faculty, Center for Genomic Psychiatry.—The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Southern California's Keck School of Medicine has designated the creation of a Center for Genomic Psychiatry as its major research priority. The Center will be based in that department and the Zilkha Neurogenetic Institute at Keck. We are launching an international search for core faculty members for this Center and are actively recruiting M.D. and Ph.D. applicants for senior faculty positions in the area of genomic psychiatry. There are full-time research positions and other positions that comprise research, academic, and clinical responsibilities. The successful candidate will have demonstrated evidence of extramural research funding, effective leadership, strong organizational abilities, and teaching experience. Salary and rank will be commensurate with experience. Applications from women and members of minority groups are encouraged. Applicants should submit their curriculum vitae to Dr. Carlos Pato by fax (323-226-5713). The University of Southern California is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

Senior Research Scientist.—The Tulane Cancer Center and the Louisiana Cancer Research Consortium seek Ph.D.-level (or equivalent) candidates who are knowledgeable in genomics, cytogenetics, and molecular genetics. The successful candidate will manage all efforts related to the Genomics Core Facility and will play a key role in developing the Core for the Tulane Cancer Center and the Louisiana Cancer Research Consortium, a partnership between Louisiana State University and Tulane University Health Sciences Centers that is being developed for eventual designation by the National Cancer Institute as a Cancer Center. Duties will include designing, performing, and interpreting experiments; record keeping; training new laboratory personnel; ordering for and stocking the Core; and management of the Core's financial records. The successful candidate will have 3–5 years of relevant experience, as well as good verbal and written communication skills in English, and must be able to obtain a United States work permit. Please submit a curriculum vitae and three letters of reference to Marilyn Li, M.D., Director of Genetics/Genomics Core Laboratory of the Louisiana Cancer Research Consortium, c/o K. Green, Tulane Cancer Center, 1430 Tulane Avenue, SL-68, New Orleans, LA, 70112; e-mail: kgreen2@tulane.edu. Tulane University is an EEOC employer.

Clinical Geneticist.—The Nemours Children's Clinic, a pediatric subspecialty clinic in Orlando, FL, is recruiting a clinical geneticist for a new position in the Division of Genetics and Metabolism. The division is currently staffed by two clinical geneticists, a genetic counselor, and a metabolic nutritionist. We are the primary provider of pediatric genetics and metabolic services to a population of 2–3 million in Central Florida. This position is a full-time clinical position with educational responsibilities. Clinical research is actively supported by Nemours. The applicant must have pediatric experience and must be board-certified or board-eligible in clinical genetics. Certification in clinical biochemical genetics or an interest in the management of inborn errors of metabolism is highly desirable. Interested applicants should send a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, and references to John McReynolds, M.D., Division of Genetics and Metabolism, Nemours Children's Clinic, 83 West Columbia Street, Orlando, FL 32806; e-mail: jmcreynolds@nemours.org. The Nemours Children's Clinic is an equal opportunity employer.

Clinical Geneticist.—The Department of Medical Genetics at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN is seeking a full-time board-certified/board-eligible clinical geneticist with special expertise or interest in patients with inborn errors of metabolism. Board eligibility in biochemical genetics is desired but not necessary. The successful candidate will join our department of six clinical geneticists, 15 laboratory geneticists, 11 genetics counselors, and allied health support staff. The focus of practice will be patients with metabolic conditions, as well as general genetics conditions. Mayo Clinic's Department of Medical Genetics has several multidisciplinary clinics, strong working connections with the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, and genetics laboratories which provide state-of-the-art diagnostics and clinical care to patients with a variety of genetic conditions. The successful candidate will coordinate and further develop the already established Mayo Clinic Metabolic Program. The Department of Medical Genetics is integrated with the >50 clinical departments and divisions, providing care to an interesting, challenging, and diverse group of patients from our region and around the world. Practice opportunities range from developing a community-based practice to international consultation. The successful candidate will enjoy close clinical collaboration with pediatricians, neurologists, endocrinologists, surgeons, and practitioners from multiple other disciplines. Opportunities to conduct research and to teach medical students, residents, fellows, visiting clinicians, and allied health professionals are essential components of the position. Candidates should be clinicians committed to an academic career with a focus in metabolic errors, as well as embracing Mayo Clinic's values of teamwork and collaboration. The faculty member will have an academic appointment commensurate with prior background in The Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. Please send your letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and two references to Dusica Babovic-Vuksanovic, M.D., Chair, Department of Medical Genetics, Mayo Clinic, 200 1st

Street SW, Rochester, MN 55905; e-mail: dbabovic@mayo.edu

Fellowship in Medical Genetics and Pediatric Endocrinology.—A combined medical genetics and pediatric endocrinology fellowship that will lead to certification by both the American Board of Medical Genetics and the American Board of Pediatrics Sub-Board on Pediatric Endocrinology after 5–6 years of training (after approval by each Board) is being sponsored by the Heritable Disorders Branch of the National Institute of Child Health & Human Development (NICHD). Clinical training will take place within the context of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)-approved Pediatric Endocrinology and Medical Genetics fellowship programs of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and sponsored by the NICHD and the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI). Graduates of a pediatrics or a combined pediatrics/internal medicine ACGME-approved residency program in the United States are eligible. We encourage both applicants with previous Ph.D. training and graduates of an M.D./Ph.D. program to apply for this unique fellowship, which aims at bridging two very relevant subspecialties of pediatric medicine: genetics and endocrinology. This is an exciting opportunity for a physician-scientist in training who wants to take advantage of the exciting opportunities offered by the NIH Clinical Center, the hundreds of state-of-the-art research laboratories at the NIH campus, and the commitment of NIH leadership in training initiatives on translational research. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, and the names of at least three references to Constantine A. Stratakis, M.D., D.Med.Sci., Chief, Heritable Disorders Branch, NICHD, NIH, and Director, Pediatric Endocrinology Training Program, NICHD, NIH, 10 Center Drive, Building 10, Room 9D42, MSC 1830, Bethesda, MD 20892; telephone: (301) 496-6683; fax: (301) 480-0378; e-mail: stratakc@mail.nih.gov. For more information, visit the Pediatric Endocrinology Training Program Web site (http://www.pediatricendocrinology.nichd.nih.gov/index.html) or call Janet Krasnican at (301) 496-6683.

Meetings

12th and 13th Annual International Scientific Meetings of the Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome Educational Foundation.—The Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome Educational Foundation, Inc., will be holding its second meeting for this year in Brisbane, Australia, on November 2–4, 2006. The meeting will be cosponsored and hosted by The VCFS Foundation (Qld), Inc. The international and interdisciplinary faculty at the meeting is being assembled and will include eminent researchers and clinicians covering the latest research in genetics and genomics, speech and feeding disorders, surgical outcomes, psychiatric illness, neural imaging, development, and education, among other topics. Details will follow in the coming months and will be available at the Web sites of the Educational Foundation (http://www.vcfsef.org) and The VCFS Foundation (Qld), Inc. (http://www.vcfs.com.au). The meeting is open to all professionals and laypeople with an interest in the disorder. The Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome Educational Foundation, Inc., is an international alliance of professionals and laypeople whose mission is to spread information about VCFS (also known as "DiGeorge syndrome" and "deletion 22q11 syndrome") and to advocate for people with the disorder. The annual meetings of the Educational Foundation have reached >3,000 professionals and laypeople since the first meeting in 1995.

Conferences

WORLD (World Organization for Research on Lysosomal Diseases) Symposium 2006.—The 3rd annual conference will be presented by the Lysosomal Disease Network in partnership with Dr. Chet Whitley, a professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota, on December 7–9, 2006, at Disney's Contemporary Resort in Orlando, FL. The goal of the annual symposium is to provide an interdisciplinary forum to explore and discuss specific areas of interest related to lysosomal diseases. The symposium is appropriate for clinicians, geneticists and genetic counselors, neurologists and neuropsychologists, researchers, nurses, and other health care professionals, as well as patients and families, patient/family support organizations, and industry professionals. Disease focuses will include mucopolysaccharidosis, mucolipidosis, oligosaccharidosis, Fabry disease, Batten disease, Gaucher disease, Pompe disease, and sphingolipidoses. The deadline for abstracts is July 1, 2006; for abstract submission, use the Lysosomal Disease Network Web site (http://www.lysosomaldiseasenetwork.org). To register, visit the University of Minnesota's Continuing Medical Education Web site (http://www.cme.umn.edu), click "Course Calendar," and scroll to "WORLD Symposium," or else contact the University of Minnesota by telephone, at (612) 626-7600 or (800) 776-8636. To make hotel reservations, call (407) 824-3869, and be sure to mention the WORLD symposium to receive a discounted room rate. For more information, contact the Office of Continuing Medical Education at the URL or telephone numbers above or by e-mail (cmereg@umn.edu). A complete brochure with a detailed agenda will be available this summer. The University of Minnesota is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education to physicians.

Colloquium

Genomewide Association Studies: Design and Analysis.—The Yale School of Public Health's Department of Epidemiology will be holding an international colloquium on genomewide association studies in New Haven, CT, on October 26–27, 2006. Genomewide association studies are increasingly utilized but with little consensus on optimal research design and analysis strategies. These studies include large arrays of candidate genes, as well as hypothesis-free strategies involving several hundred thousand polymorphisms. Critical and sometimes controversial issues in designing and analyzing both types of study will be examined. The conference also explores novel technological developments that make genomewide studies possible and population genetics that must be considered for proper interpretation. These issues will be discussed in the context of ongoing genomewide association studies. Participants will learn the latest methods for designing and analyzing genomewide studies for associating genetic polymorphisms with risk of complex disease. The course directors are Michael B. Bracken, Ph.D., Yale University, and Hongyu Zhao, Ph.D., Yale University. The faculty will include Goncalo Abecasis, Ph.D., University of Michigan; David Altshuler, Ph.D., Harvard University; Michael Boehnke, Ph.D., University of Michigan; Aravinda Chakravarti, Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University; Andrew Clark, Ph.D., Cornell University; David Clayton, Ph.D., Cambridge University; David Cox, M.D., Ph.D., Perlegen Sciences; Nancy Cox, Ph.D., University of Chicago; Peter Donnelly, Ph.D., Oxford University; Robert Elston, Ph.D., Case Western Reserve University; Josephine Hoh, Ph.D., Yale University; Ted Holford, Ph.D., Yale University; Kenneth K. Kidd, Ph.D., Yale University; Richard Lifton, M.D., Ph.D., Yale University; Perry Miller, M.D., Yale University; Newton Morton, Ph.D., University of Southampton; Jurg Ott, Ph.D., Rockefeller University; Jonathan Pritchard, Ph.D., University of Chicago; Harvey Risch, Ph.D., M.D., Yale University; Jonathan Rothberg, Ph.D., 454 Life Sciences; Eric Schadt, Ph.D., Rosetta Inpharmatics; and Pak Sham, Ph.D., University of Hong Kong. For more information or to register for the conference, please visit our Web site (http://cme.yale.edu/). You can also contact Yale CME at cme@yale.edu or (203) 785-4578.