ANNOUNCEMENTS[1]

Employment Opportunities

Postdoctoral Fellowship Positions in Molecular Cytogenetics.—One- and two-year postdoctoral fellowship positions are available at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School in the area of molecular cytogenetics for individuals with Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D. degrees. Ongoing projects in the laboratory include structural genomic variation (e.g., Nat Genet 36:949 [2004] and Nature 444: 444 [2006]), zebrafish cytogenetic analyses (e.g., Nat Genet 34:59 [2003]), and cancer biomarker studies (e.g., Science 310:644 [2005]). Exceptional candidates who have demonstrated research productivity and the ability to write proficiently for international, peer-reviewed journals should submit a current curriculum vitae, a one-page statement of research experience, and the names of three individuals who can provide reference letters to Charles Lee, Ph.D., Department of Pathology, Brigham and Women's Hospital, 221 Longwood Avenue, EBRC 404A, Boston, MA, USA 02115; e-mail: clee@rics.bwh.harvard.edu. For more information about the laboratory, see our Web site (http://www.fish-chromosome.net/). Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital are equal opportunity/affirmative action employers.

Research Assistants.—One full-time and one half-time research assistant are needed to join a dynamic team in orthopedic research, headed by professor Hong-Wen Deng, Franklin D. Dickson/Missouri Endowed Chair in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery, School of Medicine, University of Missouri–Kansas City (UMKC). The Department is initiating a research project on studies of osteoporosis and associated health problems, in which 4,000 human subjects will be recruited to participate. The major responsibilities of the recruiters will include (1) developing and placing advertisements in appropriate media; (2) contacting the potential eligible subjects by telephone, e-mail, or mail; (3) giving a brief introduction and explanation, including the research aim and possible risks and benefits of participating in the study; (4) helping to orient the participants during their visits to our densitometry room; (5) helping record necessary data to computer data files; and (6) administering a questionnaire to subjects and relaying questions related to research to the appropriate investigators. Excellent oral communication skills and English writing are required for efficient communication with the potential eligible participants and for manual document preparation. The ability to use basic Microsoft Office software (Word and Excel) is preferred. Previous experience with social work is a plus. Compensation will be offered on the basis of the candidate's experience. For immediate consideration, please send your curriculum vitae and the names, addresses, and e-mail addresses of your references to Amy Gilmore, University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Medicine, 2411 Holmes M1-214 C; telephone: (816) 235-1828; fax: (816) 235-5587; e-mail: gilmoreac@umkc.edu

---

Metabolic Geneticist, Clinical Geneticist, and Molecular Cytogeneticist.—The rapidly growing Department of Human Genetics at Emory University is seeking a clinical geneticist with significant expertise in metabolic disease, including diagnosis, management, and treatment. Appointment may be at any academic rank, with particular emphasis on individuals seeking opportunities to participate in translational/clinical research. The qualified candidate must hold an M.D. or M.D./Ph.D. degree and must be board certified/eligible in clinical genetics, with significant experience in metabolic genetics. The Department is also seeking a clinical geneticist with clinical and research interests in any area of medical genetics. Appointment may be at any academic rank, with particular emphasis on individuals seeking opportunities to participate in translational and clinical research. The qualified candidate must hold an M.D. or M.D./Ph.D. degree and must be board certified/eligible in clinical genetics, with a track record and commitment to translational or clinical research. The Department is also seeking a codirector for its cytogenetics laboratory, with a strong molecular cytogenetics background. Each of the three codirectors of the cytogenetics laboratory is expected to contribute a part-time effort to clinical laboratory activities and a significant effort to basic or translational research activities. Appointment is targeted at the assistant professor level, but exceptional senior candidates can be considered. The Department is both a basic science and a clinical department, with 37 full-time faculty members, including 14 who are certified by the American Board of Medical Genetics. It has an exceptionally strong and vibrant research program in human genetics, with many faculty members directly involved in translational and/or clinical research. For more information, see the Department's Web site http://www.genetics.emory.edu). Please send a curriculum vitae, a cover letter, and the names of three potential references to David H. Ledbetter, Ph.D., Director, Division of Medical Genetics, by e-mail (dledbetter@genetics.emory.edu).

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 $1\frac{1}{2}$-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.

Medical Director.—A new position has been created in the Department of Human Genetics at Emory University School of Medicine to build and lead an enhanced medical genetics program at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (Children's), ranked as the third-best children's hospital in the United States by Child magazine. This position will direct inpatient and outpatient clinical services at Children's and Emory, which include general genetics clinics as well as a number of large specialty clinics devoted to such topics as fragile X syndrome, Down syndrome, 22q11 deletion syndrome, craniofacial disorders, lysosomal storage diseases, and metabolic nutrition. The position will include a leadership role in education programs, including a medical genetics residency/fellowship, as well as participation in the training of graduate students, medical students, and residents. The qualified candidate must hold an M.D. or M.D./Ph.D. degree and must be board certified in clinical genetics, with experience or strong potential in leadership positions. Children's is one of the largest pediatric organizations in the country and includes two tertiary care hospital campuses. Once its current building and renovation construction is complete, in 2008, Children's will have over 500 pediatric beds. As the only children's hospital ranked by Fortune magazine as one of the top 100 employers in the nation, Children's is poised for even greater growth and prominence in the years ahead. The Department of Human Genetics is both a basic science and a clinical department, with 37 full-time faculty members, including 14 who are certified by the American Board of Medical Genetics. The Department has an exceptionally strong and vibrant research program in human genetics, with many faculty members directly involved in translational and/or clinical research. For more information, see the Department's Web site (http://www.genetics.emory.edu). Please send a curriculum vitae, a cover letter, and the names of three potential references to Dr. Stephen T. Warren, Department of Human Genetics, Emory University School of Medicine, 615 Michael Street, Suite 301, Atlanta, GA 30322; e-mail: swarren@genetics.emory.edu

---

Faculty, Statistical Genetics.—The Division of Statistical Genetics in the Department of Biostatistics, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, is recruiting one or more faculty members at the assistant or associate professor level (tenure or nontenure track, depending upon qualifications) who have experience in statistical genetics. The Division oversees the analysis of projects in common disease genetics and in theoretical genetics. Areas of current research on human disease include gene mapping and the genetic epidemiology of epilepsy, autoimmune thyroid disease, asthma, and several psychiatric diseases. Theoretical research projects include mathematical modeling in genetics, development of new analysis tools, and the use of computer simulation in genetics research. The incumbent(s) will hold an appointment in the Department of Biostatistics, will conduct methodological and/or applied research in statistical genetics, will teach courses in biostatistics and genetic analysis, and will collaborate with other Columbia University Medical Center faculty in the development and execution of funded research projects. A doctorate in biostatistics, statistics, or statistical genetics is preferred, and experience and demonstrated interest in genetics, particularly the genetics of human disease, are essential. Interested applicants should send (preferably electronically) a complete curriculum vitae and the names of three references to Dr. David Greenberg (statgen@shallot.cpmc.columbia.edu), c/o Bettina Kahn, Division of Statistical Genetics, Department of Biostatistics, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, 722 W. 168th Street, New York, NY 10032. Columbia University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

Postdoctoral Position in Statistical Genetics or Genetic Epidemiology.—The University of California–San Francisco (UCSF) Asthma Genetics Laboratory (AGL) is seeking a postdoctoral fellow with interest and expertise in either statistical genetics or genetic epidemiology to participate in projects aimed at understanding the genetic basis of complex diseases in racially admixed populations. The AGL is a member of UCSF's Institute for Human Genetics. Projects include genomewide association studies, studies of population stratification, and investigations of admixture mapping for complex diseases. Opportunities for training and research are available in many areas, including asthma, pharmacogenetics, population-based genetics, and investigating the modifying effects of race and ethnicity. The research environment is enhanced by large, family-based, and population-based sample sets of well-phenotyped, racially diverse individuals and strong national and international collaborative ties. Our group is highly interactive and multidisciplinary. Our team includes physician-scientists, genetic epidemiologists, geneticists, and molecular biologists. A strong background in statistical genetics or genetic epidemiology, experience in human genetic studies of complex traits, ability to work well with others, and good communication and writing skills are required. Preference will be given to applicants meeting residency requirements for sponsorship from a National Institutes of Health training grant. Send a curriculum vitae and three letters of recommendation by e-mail to Dr. Esteban Gonzalez Burchard, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Asthma Genetics Core Facility and UCSF DNA Bank (esteban@sfgh.ucsf.edu). UCSF is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

Assistant Director, Cytogenetics Laboratory.—The Cytogenetics Laboratory in the Miami Institute for Human Genomics (MIHG) at the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine is seeking an Assistant Director. The candidate

must hold an M.D. and/or a Ph.D. and must be certified by the American Board of Medical Genetics. The Assistant Director will report to the Director of Cytogenetics and will be responsible for case sign-out and administrative duties as assigned by the Director. The Assistant Director will have an academic appointment at the level of Assistant Professor and will be expected to contribute to teaching and collaborative research. The Cytogenetics Laboratory performs diagnostic testing for a variety of patient samples including peripheral blood, amniotic fluid, bone marrow, urine, and tissue biopsy. The lab has been completely renovated recently and is well equipped for diagnostic testing with use of state-of the-art technologies such as FISH and genomewide array CGH. The University of Miami is proud to offer competitive salaries, medical and dental benefits, tuition remission, vacation, paid holidays, and relocation assistance. Interested applicants should submit a curriculum vitae and the names and contact information of three references by email to Yao-Shan Fan, M.D., Ph.D., Director of Cytogenetics Laboratory (yfan@med.miami.edu)

Symposium

The Future of Genomic Medicine.—A satellite symposium of the ASHG Annual Meeting entitled "The Future of Genomic Medicine" will be held Monday, October 22, 2007, from 12:00 to 6:30 P.M. at The Neurosciences Institute Auditorium in San Diego, CA. Scripps Genomic Medicine (a collaboration of Scripps Health and The Scripps Research Institute), along with the J. Craig Venter Institute, invite you to this special, half-day program, during which thought leaders will present short talks examining the salient progress and challenges in the field of genomic medicine. Presentations will be concise and limited to 20 minutes to allow attendees to engage in interactive panel and Q&A discussions. You will not want to miss this stimulating and comprehensive update on the rapidly burgeoning and exciting field that is genomic medicine! Registration is $35 but will be free for all residents, fellows, and students.

Meeting

1st Congress of the International Society of Nutrigenetics/Nutrigenomics (ISNN).—The International Society of Nutrigenetics/Nutrigenomics will hold its first congress in Athens, Greece, on Monday, November 12, and Tuesday, November 13, 2007. Abstracts for poster presentation at the meeting are invited and should be sent to the President of the Society, Artemis P. Simopoulos, M.D. (cgnh@bellatlantic.net). Instructions for abstract submission, as well as program information, can be found on the Society's Web site (http://www.isnn.info/).

Fellowship

Fellowship in Medical Genetics & Pediatric Endocrinology.—The Heritable Disorders Branch of the National Institute of Child Health & Human Development (NICHD) is sponsoring 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 (and approval by each Board). Clinical training will take place in the context of the ACGME-approved Pediatric Endocrinology and Medical Genetics fellowship programs of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and will be sponsored by the NICHD and the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI). Graduates of a pediatrics or combined pediatrics/internal medicine ACGME-approved residency program in the United States who are either citizens or legal residents (green-card holders) of this country are eligible. We encourage applicants with previous Ph.D. training or graduates of an M.D./Ph.D. program to apply for this unique fellowship, which aims at bridging these 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 on 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, see the Fellowship's Web site http://www.pediatricendocrinology.nichd.nih.gov/index.html) or call Janet Krasnican at (301) 496-6683.