

Announcements¹

EMPLOYMENT AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Genetic Epidemiology Faculty Position.—The Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, Department of Epidemiology, is recruiting for a tenure-track faculty position in the Human Genetics/Genetic Epidemiology Program. Rank will be commensurate with experience. Applicants should hold a doctorate in genetics, epidemiology, biostatistics, or a related field and have demonstrated the potential to maintain an independent research program in genetic epidemiology. Certification in medical genetics is desirable but not required. Academic responsibilities will include teaching at the graduate level and directing masters/doctoral students in their research. The scientific community of Johns Hopkins offers opportunities for a wide variety of research interests and activities. The main criteria for this position are potential for excellence in independent research and commitment to academic responsibilities. To apply, please submit CV and names of three references by January 15, 1998, to Dr. Terri H. Beaty, Search Committee, Department of Epidemiology, The Johns Hopkins University, 615 North Wolfe Street, Baltimore, MD 21205. The Johns Hopkins University is an equal opportunity employer and encourages interest from minorities and women.

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Molecular Geneticist, Health Care Corporation of St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada.—The Laboratory of

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 Pathology, Box 357470, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-7470, or fax them to (206) 685-9684. Submission must be received *three full months* 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 *150 words*, excluding the address for correspondence. Please include a cover letter indicating the name of the sponsoring ASHG member.

Medicine, Division of Immunology, Cytogenetics and Molecular Genetics, is seeking a molecular geneticist. The successful applicant, as director of the molecular genetics laboratory, will have important responsibilities for the development of new molecular techniques, together with the expansion of the laboratory's existing clinical service, to meet the growing needs of genetic-disease management in Newfoundland. The director will interact closely with the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Genetics Program, the Cytogenetics Laboratory, the Division of Haematology, and the Obstetrics and Gynecology Program. There will be opportunity for significant interaction with other staff members in the Laboratory Medicine Program as well as with those in the Discipline of Basic Sciences of Memorial University of Newfoundland. This position is university part-time with stipend, and the salary will be in accordance with experience. The successful applicant will be expected to pursue research activity either with his or her own program or in collaboration with others. Requirements include an M.D. and/or Ph.D. in an appropriate field of molecular genetics, with CCMG or equivalent certification. For further information, contact Dr. Desmond Robb, Divisional Chief, Immunology, Cytogenetics and Molecular Genetics, Room #1536, Health Sciences Centre, Prince Philip Drive, St John's, Newfoundland, Canada A1B 3V6.

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Clinical Geneticist.—The School of Medicine at East Carolina University seeks a second clinical geneticist at the assistant-professor level. Appointment will be in the Section of Genetics, Department of Pediatrics, in a tenure-accruing track. The genetics program comprises a center-based clinical, teaching, and research program; outreach genetics clinics; and a full-service cytogenetics laboratory. The clinical service is busy, diverse, and challenging. There is close collaboration with the Maternal-Fetal Medicine service in the Prenatal Diagnosis Pro-

gram. The applicant should be board-certified/-eligible in clinical genetics and pediatrics. Send CV and references to Jean Hood, M.D., Section Head, Genetics, Department of Pediatrics, East Carolina University School of Medicine, Greenville, NC 27858-4354. East Carolina University is an equal-opportunity/affirmative-action institution. Applicants must comply with the Immigration Reform and Control Act.

Faculty Position, Division of Biostatistics, Washington University School of Medicine.—Fresh graduates are welcome. Applications must have a Ph.D. in statistics/biostatistics or a related field and a strong interest in collaborative research in at least one of these areas: clinical trials, coordinating center activities, and cancer-center and genetic-epidemiological studies. Those capable of playing leadership roles on multicenter studies will be preferred. There are collaborative opportunities in one or more multicenter studies of the following: frailty and exercise in the elderly, Alzheimer disease, genetic epidemiology of coronary heart disease, hypertension, and exercise metabolism. Opportunities also exist for methodological research. Rank will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Interested candidates should send a CV and three references to Dr. D. C. Rao, Professor and Director, Division of Biostatistics, Washington University School of Medicine, 660 Euclid Avenue, Campus Box 8067, St. Louis, MO 63110-1093. We are an equal-opportunity/affirmative-action employer.

Postdoctoral Position in Genetic Epidemiology, Boston University.—The successful candidate will assume an active role in a multidisciplinary project seeking to uncover genetic variation in susceptibility to hypertension and may participate in a multicenter genetic-epidemiological study of Alzheimer disease, with headquarters at Boston University. Other opportunities for training and research are available in ongoing collaborative studies of genetic mechanisms responsible for variability in Machado-Joseph disease and linkage mapping of several disease loci, including those for nonsyndromic deafness, Waardenburg syndrome, and osteoarthritis. The research environment is enhanced by strong epidemiology and biostatistics programs in the School of Public Health, cross-fertilization with the Center for Human Genetics, and collaborative ties with The Framingham Study. Strong background in a quantitative science is required; experience in genetics or a related field is recommended. Applicants should meet residency requirements for sponsorship from an NIH training grant. Send CV and three letters of recommendation to Dr. Lindsay Farrer, Department of Neurology, Boston University School of Medicine, 80 East Concord Street, Boston, MA 02118;

phone (617) 638-5393; fax (617) 638-4275; E-mail: farrer@neugen.bu.edu. Boston University is an equal-opportunity/affirmative-action employer.

Postdoctoral Research Associate.—A position is available immediately for someone with a strong background in molecular biology, genomics, and/or genetics and an interest in the genetics of complex diseases and/or gene regulation. Laboratory projects include identification of genes involved in alcoholism and bipolar disorder and regulation of the alcohol dehydrogenase gene family. Send inquiries (E-mail preferred) to Howard J. Edenberg, Ph.D., Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and of Medical and Molecular Genetics, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN 46202-5122; phone (317)274-2353; E-mail: edenberg@iupui.edu; World Wide Web: <http://www.biochemistry.iupui.edu/faculty/Edenberg/>

MEETING

5th Joint Clinical Genetics Meeting, March of Dimes/American College of Medical Genetics.—February 27–March 1, 1998, Los Angeles. Themes are “Genetics of Common Diseases” and “Advances in the Practice of Clinical Genetics.” Abstracts must be submitted by December 5, 1997. For information on abstract submission or registration, contact the American College of Medical Genetics, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814; phone (301) 530-7127; fax (301) 571-1895; E-mail: mgross@genetics.faseb.org

COURSES

Statistical Analysis for Genetic Epidemiology Short Course.—December 7–10, 1997, at the Lodge at Torrey Pines in La Jolla. For more information, contact Ms. Audrey Schnell, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Rammelkamp Center for Education and Research, MetroHealth Campus, Case Western Reserve University, 2500 MetroHealth Drive, Cleveland, OH 44109; fax (216) 778-3548; E-mail: schnell@darwin.cwru.edu; World Wide Web: <http://darwin.cwru.edu/>

11th Course, International School of the History of Biomedical Sciences.—Annecy, France, July 1–10, 1998. “The Burdens of the Past: Heredity in Medicine from Constitution to Molecular Genetics.” For scholars who share an interest in medical genetics and in the history and philosophy of biology and medicine. Cross-disciplinary emphasis. French and English are the official working languages. Fee \$500 U.S. To apply, send a CV and statement specifying academic experience and interest in the topic. Topics include “Inheritance in Non-

Western Medical Traditions,” “Social and Cultural Attitudes Towards Heredity and Defects at Birth,” “Ethical Debates in Medical Genetics,” and 14 others. Apply to Institut Louis-Jeantet d’Histoire de la Medicine, CMU, Case Postale, 1211 Geneve 4, Switzerland; phone +41.22.702.57.90; fax +41.22.702.57.92; E-mail: Bernardino.Fantini@medicine.unige.ch

PRIZE

The Michael Prize in Epileptology.—Prize money of 20,000 DM will be awarded to scientists who are no more than 40 years of age, for the best contributions to scientific and clinical research in epileptology. As many as four manuscripts or publications may be submitted,

with the applicant’s preferred publication indicated. Send three copies of each paper and three copies of a C.V. to Stiftung Michael, Munzkamp 5, 22339 Hamburg, Germany, before December 15, 1998.

ON-LINE DATABASE

GENATLAS On Line.—The GENATLAS database is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.infobiogen.fr>. This is a database of human genes, diseases, and markers, including information on the structure, polymorphisms, and function, as well as the spatiotemporal or differential (imprinting) expression, of genes. There is a special emphasis on clinical disorders, which are divided by organ, tissue, or system affected and according to their category.