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Employment Opportunities

Molecular Cytogenetics of Cancer.—The recently created Center for Molecular Medicine is one of several exciting initiatives now underway as part of a major expansion at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. The Center's primary focus will be on human neoplasia, including animal models designed to shed light on human disease. Applications are now invited for two tenure-track faculty positions in the Center at the junior or senior level. Center faculty will enjoy superb resources, including generous start-up funds and space in a new state-of-the-art research building. M.D. and/or Ph.D. scientists with strong interests in pathogenesis and the treatment of human disease are encouraged to apply. For one position, cancer investigators applying cutting-edge approaches in molecular cytogenetics and fluorescence imaging are especially encouraged to apply. Faculty will be expected to establish excellent, independent research programs that will attract extramural funding and to contribute to a richly interactive collegial environment. Numerous opportunities for interdepartmental interaction exist, with the new Departments of Genetics/Developmental Biology and Neuroscience and with the new Centers in Imaging Technology, Immunotherapy of Cancer, Vascular Biology, and Microbial Pathogenesis. The University operates multiple state-of-the-art core facilities, including mouse transgenics, fluorescence imaging, confocal microscopy, DNA sequencing, flow cytometry, and electron microscopy. Candidates may apply by submitting two copies of a complete curriculum vitae, the names of three references, and a brief statement of research interests and goals, to: Dr. Andrew Arnold, Director, Center for Molecular Medicine, The University of Connecticut Health Center, School of Medicine, 263 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, CT 06030-3101. Review of applications will begin October 1, 1999 and will continue until the positions are filled.

Medical Geneticist/Director of Familial Cancer Clinics.—The Victorian Clinical Genetics Services (V.C.G.S.) seeks a medical geneticist with a particular interest in clinical cancer genetics to direct the Familial Cancer Clinics under its jurisdiction. An interest in research would be encouraged. The V.C.G.S. provides clinical genetic services to the states of Victoria and Tasmania, Australia, a catchment area of a little over 5 million population. Familial Cancer Clinics are based at a number of hospitals in metropolitan Melbourne, and in some Tasmanian centers. Most of these function in close liaison with other colleagues, notably oncologists, surgeons, gastroenterologists, gynecologists, and dermatologists. Most clinics have a dedicated part-time or full-time genetic counselor who is involved in working with families with cancer. The V.C.G.S. DNA laboratory provides molecular testing for HNPCC and familial polyposis, and other testing (including BRCA, p53, and microsatellite stability) is offered at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and the Peter MacCallum Hospital in Melbourne. Applicants must be eligible for medical registration in Australia. Enquiries should be directed to Dr. Steve Kahler, Clinical Director, V.C.G.S., Royal Children's Hospital, Parkville 3052, Australia. E-mail: kahlers@cryptic.rch.unimelb.edu.au. Dr. Agnes Bankier and Dr. Mac Gardner of the V.C.G.S. will be at the A.S.H.G.

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meeting at San Francisco, and would be glad to meet interested persons.

Postdoctoral Position.—A postdoctoral position is available in the Division Of Human Cancer Genetics at The Ohio State University to develop statistical and computational methods for the display and analysis of gene-expression data. This position is at the interface of genetics, statistics, and the computational sciences. The Division of Human Cancer Genetics, under the leadership of Dr. Albert de la Chapelle, combines basic and clinical research in the search for genes associated with cancer susceptibility and progression. Applicants should have a Ph.D. in statistics, genetics, computer science, or another relevant field, with demonstrated cross-disciplinary interests. Please send a C.V. and the names of three references to Dr. Fred Wright, Division of Human Cancer Genetics, The Ohio State University, 420 West 12th Ave, 464A Medical Research Facility, Columbus, OH 43210. AA/EOE; women, minorities, Vietnam-era veterans, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Editorial Fellow.—The American Journal of Human Genetics is offering a full-time 2–4-year postdoctoral position as an Editorial Fellow in Atlanta beginning in September 1999. We seek someone who has a broad range of interests in human and nonhuman genetics, a lively and engaging writing style, and strong interests in learning and participating in scientific communication and the editorial process. The Editorial Fellow will assist the editor in identifying topics for review and editorial commentary in the Journal, will help write commentaries, will provide a summary of selected articles for each issue, and will assist in the manuscript-review process. This is an excellent entry-level opportunity in the scientific and medical publishing enterprise. Candidates are asked to send a letter of interest, a C.V., and a writing sample to: Stephen T. Warren, Ph.D., Editor, The American Journal of Human Genetics, Emory University School of Medicine, 1462 Clifton Road, Room B28, Atlanta, GA 30322-3050.

Postdoctoral Position.—A postdoctoral position is available in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the Indiana University School of Medicine investigating the role of the tau protein in frontotemporal dementia. These investigations will involve the production and characterization of transgenic mice, functional studies of mutant forms of tau, and protein-protein interaction assays. Applicants should have a Ph.D. and experience in molecular biology and/or tissue culture. A background in transgenic technology is desirable, but not essential. Funding is available for at least 2 years. Please send a curriculum vitae, a statement of research interests, and three letters of reference to: Jill Murrell, Ph.D., Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, 635 Barnhill Drive, MS A128, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202. Indiana University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and especially encourages applications from women and members of minority groups.

Fellowships.—Well-established, NIH-funded, ABMG-accredited fellowships in medical genetics at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia/University of Pennsylvania. Available in July 1999: 1-year position in clinical genetics and 2–3-year position in research. Send inquiries to: Haig Kazazian, M.D., c/o Regina Harvey, Room 1002 ARC, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, 34th and Civic Center Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

Meeting

Second International Meeting on the Genetic Epidemiology of Complex Traits.—To take place at Churchill College, Cambridge (see website for details), April 1–3, 2000. The meeting will include a one-day taught introductory course that will cover design and analytical issues; a full two-day conference program, aimed at an advanced audience, with updates from international speakers; a forum where researchers can present their questions to panels of experts; and poster presentations. Topics will include: epidemiology, the pros and cons of founder populations, linkage and association analysis, new TDT methods, multivariate methods, SNP maps, data pooling and meta-analysis, and pharmacogenetics. Speakers will include: David Allison, John Blangero, Lon Cardon, Robert Elston, John Hopper, Leonid Kruglyiak, Jerry Lanchbury, Cathryn Lewis, Nick Martin, Mike Neale, Nik Schork, Pak Sham, David Strachan, and Roland Wolf. For further details and registration forms, send an e-mail to Christel Barnetson (c.manzi@umds.ac.uk) or visit our website at http://www.umds.ac.uk/twin-unit/