Announcements[1]

Employment Opportunities

Postdoctoral Position.—An immediate opening for a postdoctoral research associate is available in the Department of Pediatrics of the Medical College of Wisconsin. The initial project will involve molecular-genetic approaches to human complex diseases. The successful candidate will have an M.D. or a Ph.D. in the area of genetics or molecular biology and will have relevant experience in tissue culture, genotyping, and gene-expression and protein-expression techniques. Interested candidates should submit a full curriculum vitae—including the names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three referees—and a brief description of research interests to Sun-Wei Guo, Ph.D., Department of Pediatrics, Medical College of Wisconsin, 8701 Watertown Plank Road, MS 756, P.O. Box 26509, Milwaukee, WI 53226-0509. Telephone: (414) 456-4992; fax: (414) 456-6663; e-mail: swguo@mcw.edu. EOE M/F/D/V.

Medical Director, Biochemical Genetics.—The Genetics Testing Center at the Nichols Institute of Quest Diagnostics, Inc., in San Juan Capistrano, CA, seeks a medical director for its expanding biochemical genetics–department laboratory. The department offers a comprehensive menu that includes amino acid analysis, acetylcholinesterase, alpha-1-antitrypsin, organic acids, hemoglobinopathy screening, porphyrins, maternal serum screening, and other tests. Laboratory methods include HPLC, GC-MS, thin layer and ion exchange chromatography, spectrophotometry, and immunoassay. The department has an R&D program and opportunities to participate in projects leading to presentations and scientific publications. Responsibilities of this position, which reports to the Medical Director of Genetics, include interpretation and sign-out of laboratory test results, consultation with referring physicians, genetic counselors, and other clients, and supervision of department scientific staff. An M.D. or M.D./Ph.D. medical specialist with ABMG certification in biochemical genetics is preferred. Other ABMG certification (in clinical genetics, clinical molecular genetics, or other genetic specialty) would be desirable but is not required. Medical specialists with ABMG certification in clinical genetics and clinical expertise in management of patients with metabolic diseases will also be considered. Please refer to Job Code 100470bw on all correspondence. Contact information: Quest Diagnostics at Nichols Institute, Attn: Human Resources, Job Code 100470bw, 33608 Ortega Highway, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92690-6130; fax: (949) 728-4985; e-mail: collinss@questdiagnostics.com

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Postdoctoral Research Associate Position.—Postdoctoral research associate sought to participate in epidemiological study of body composition and cardiovascular disease risk factors. Primary focus is analysis of data collected in ongoing studies and collaboration on manuscripts. Opportunities exist for expanding the scope of the research. Doctorate required, by starting date, in epidemiology, genetic epidemiology, sports medicine, biostatistics, exercise physiology, anthropology, human biology, nutrition, or a related field. Analytical background and research interests compatible with this team is preferred. Ability to work independently and cooperatively within a team of established investigators is essential. Current research interests within this team include genetic epidemiology, aging, biostatistical methods for serial analyses, and the role of changes in body composition throughout the life span in the development

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of cardiovascular and other age-related diseases. Review begins May 1, 2000. AA/EOE. Apply to Chair, Postdoctoral Search Committee, Division of Human Biology, Wright State University SOM, 3171 Research Boulevard, Kettering, OH 45420-4014; fax: (937) 775-1456; e-mail: roger.siervogel@wright.edu; Web site http://www.med.wright.edu/som/academic/divhum

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Associate Director, DNA Diagnostic Laboratories.—A position in an expanding program is immediately available for a board-certified molecular geneticist, at an assistant or associate professor rank, depending upon experience. The position offers a diagnostic and research opportunity, including collaboration with a large group of molecular geneticists. Superb benefits. Send curriculum vitae to Aubrey Milunsky, M.D., D.Sc., Director, Center for Human Genetics, Boston University School of Medicine, 715 Albany St., Boston, MA 02118. Fax: (617) 638-7092; e-mail: amilunsk@bu.edu

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Postdoctoral Positions.—A postdoctoral fellow position is available in the Department of Neurogenetics at the Center for Addiction and Mental Health (http://www.camh.net/), University of Toronto, for qualified candidates to study epigenetic aspects of complex diseases such as schizophrenia (Schizophr Bull 25:639–655) and inflammatory bowel disease (Gut, in press; available on request). Highly motivated individuals with a record of productivity are encouraged to apply. A strong background in molecular biology is required. Experience in epigenetic research is desirable but not mandatory. Applicants should submit a summary of their research experience, a curriculum vitae, and the names of three references to Drs. A. Petronis and J. L. Kennedy, Neurogenetics Section, Center for Addiction and Mental Health, University of Toronto, 250 College Street, Toronto ON M5T 1R8, Canada; e-mail: arturas_petronis@camh.net

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Postdoctoral Training in Clinical Molecular Genetics.—The Department of Molecular and Human Genetics at Baylor College of Medicine is developing a new diagnostic sequencing laboratory (DSL) under the direction of Sue Richards, Ph.D. The mission of the DSL is to develop genetic-testing strategies using sequence-based methods for genetic disorders that currently represent challenges in diagnostics, particularly cancer-related genes. The DSL is a core molecular laboratory for the Texas Cancer Genetics Network. A postdoctoral fellow is sought to participate in the development of the DSL. The successful candidate will have broad-based experience in molecular genetics, with particular emphasis on automated sequence analysis done by use of the ABI377. This individual will participate in the design, development, validation, and publication of diagnostic tests, using new technologies including DHPLC, oligonucleotide-array platforms, automated sequence analysis, and robotics. This individual will contribute toward laboratory certification and will have the option to acquire the necessary skills and case log book for ABMG certification. The successful candidate will have opportunities for admission to the ABMG training program within the department and for participation in all activities required of trainees. Interested individuals should send a curriculum vitae and the names of three references to Sue Richards, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Molecular and Human Genetics, Baylor College of Medicine, One Baylor Plaza, S801, Houston, TX 77030; e-mail: carolynr@bcm.tmc.edu; telephone: (713) 798-6528; fax: (713) 798-6182. Baylor College of Medicine is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Eukaryotic Geneticist/Developmental Geneticist.—The Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics at the University of Vermont invites applications for two tenure-track faculty positions. We are soliciting applicants who have demonstrated superior productivity in the area of eukaryotic genetics. Potential research areas include genetic/genomic approaches to the study of development and/or human disease that use model systems such as mice, nematodes, or fungi and/or human tissues, cells, or cell lines. Opportunities for collaborative research exist both within and outside the department in somatic cell genetics and biology, signal transduction, cell-cycle control, pathogenesis, protein–nucleic acid interactions, and structural biology. Candidates must hold a doctoral degree, must have had postdoctoral research experience, and will be expected to establish a vigorous, independent research program and to contribute to the department's teaching responsibilities. Details about the department and the University may be accessed at http://salus.med.uvm.edu/mmg/mmg.html. Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae and a description of research interests and should have three letters of reference sent to Dr. Douglas I. Johnson, Search Committee Chair, Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, Stafford Hall, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the positions are filled. The University of Vermont is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Research Assistant Professor.—The Department of Human Genetics of the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh seeks a Research Assistant

Professor (non-tenure stream) with primary interests in computational and statistical genetics. Candidate should have a Ph.D. in statistical genetics, several years of experience in computational genetics, and an interest in the development of faster algorithms for computing multipoint likelihoods on extended pedigrees. Applicants should send a curriculum vitae and the names of three references by July 15, 2000, to Dr. Daniel E. Weeks, University of Pittsburgh, Department of Human Genetics, Graduate School of Public Health, 130 DeSoto Street, A300 Crabtree Hall, Pittsburgh, PA 15261. The University of Pittsburgh is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer.

Meetings

Fragile Sites, Gene Amplification, and Cancer.—August 25–26, 2000, at the Mayo Foundation in Rochester, Minnesota. For information about this meeting, please contact the meeting director: David I. Smith, Ph.D., Mayo Foundation, 200 First Street SW, Rochester, MN 55905; e-mail: thesing.lori@mayo.edu. For meeting registration, please contact the Mayo School of Continuing Medical Education (see http://www.mayo.edu/cme).

The Human Genome.—The international symposium "The Human Genome" will be held in Naples, Italy, September 6–8, 2000, as one of many cultural events celebrating the Great Jubilee of the year 2000. Participants will also have an opportunity to extend their stay through September 10 for an audience and a solemn Mass with the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II. Participation is free of charge, but registration in advance is recommended because attendance will be limited to 300 people. Members of local scientific committee: Andria, Dallapiccola, Neri, Nigro, Puca, and Scarano. Members of international advisory board: Autiero, Ballabio, Chakravarti, Ferguson-Smith, Luzzatto, McKusick, Peltonen, Schlessinger, Siniscalco, Sly, Sutherland, Tsui. Speakers: Beaudet, Capecchi, Caskey, Cavalli-Sforza, Engelhardt, Honnefelder, Keating, Knoppers, Knudson, Opitz, Rose, Watson. Contact person: Giovanni Neri, M.D., Istituto di Genetica Medica, Università Cattolica S. Cuore, L.go F. Vito 1-00168 Roma; telephone: +39-06-30154927; fax: +39-06-3050031; e-mail: gneri@rm.unicatt.it

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International Conference of Medical Genetics.—ICMG-2000 will be held jointly with the China Prenatal Diagnosis Annual Meeting, August 20–25, 2000, in Nanjing, China. The meeting will focus on the following areas: (1) overview of medical genetics (past, present, and future); (2) clinical diagnosis and management; (3) clinical and laboratory aspects of microdeletion syndrome; (4) current progress in Down syndrome and fragile-X syndrome; (5) triplet-expansion diseases; (6) neurodegenerative disorders; (7) application of advanced technology in medical genetics; (8) progress of gene therapy; and (9) progress of the Human Genome Project. The meeting is organized by the North American Association of Chinese Medical Geneticists and the China Medical Genetics Association. The deadline for submitting abstracts via e-mail is July 1, 2000. The early-registration deadline is July 1, 2000; early registration is $300 for faculty members, $150 for postdoctoral fellows, and free for students. Please check meeting Web site (http://genecanal.uams.edu/icmg2000.htm) for detailed information or contact Dr. Nanbert Zhong, Department of Human Genetics, New York State Institute for Basic Research in Developmental Disabilities, 1050 Forest Hill Road, Staten Island, NY 10314; telephone (718) 494-5242; fax: (718) 494-4882; e-mail: naacmg@aol.com

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Seminar

Eleventh International Clinical Genetics Seminar.—The Eleventh International Clinical Genetics Seminar will be held in Heraklion, Crete, June 9–14, 2001. "The Genetics of Diabetes Mellitus" is the main theme of the seminar, which will deal with both molecular and clinical aspects of all inherited types of diabetes mellitus. Faculty will include Graeme Bell, Stefan Fajans, Philippe Froguel, Leif Groop, Jorma Ilonen, Cecile Julier, Mikael Knip, J. A. Maasen, Jörn Nerup, Alan Permutt, Flemming Pociot, Anders Green, Hans Akerblom, and others. Further information may be obtained from Dr. C. Bartsocas, P.O. Box 17177, GR-10024 Athens, Greece, or from the congress-secretariat Web site (http://www.triaenatours.gr).