

Announcements¹

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Cytogenetics Laboratory Technologist.—The Division of Medical Genetics at the Royal University Hospital and the University of Saskatchewan, in Saskatoon, SK, Canada, is a rapidly expanding genetics facility and invites applications to fill immediately the position of cytogenetics laboratory technologist. The University of Saskatchewan is located near downtown in the city of Saskatoon, on the banks of the South Saskatchewan River. The city is a cultural center with year-round recreational facilities and is within 2 hours of many provincial and national parks, lakes, beaches, golf courses, and wilderness areas. The university annually welcomes >19,000 full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate students to what is reputed to be among the most picturesque campuses in North America. The Royal University Hospital is a 490-bed facility located adjacent to the University of Saskatchewan. The Cytogenetics Laboratory is located at the Royal University Hospital and is part of the Division of Medical Genetics. This is a new and permanent full-time cytogenetics technologist position to perform computer-aided karyotype and FISH analysis on amniotic fluid, peripheral blood, and bone marrow specimens. The preferred candidate will have subject certification in cytogenetics. We offer a competitive salary and benefits package. Position-specific questions can be directed to Dr. Janette van den Berghe by telephone, at (306) 655-1708, or by e-mail, at vandenbergh@sdh.sk.ca. Please forward your resume to Barry Barss, Employment Services, Saskatoon

District Health, 103 Hospital Drive, Saskatoon, SK, S7N 0W8; fax: (306) 655-2444; e-mail: barssb@sdh.sk.ca

Genetic Counselor.—The Division of Medical Genetics at the Royal University Hospital and the University of Saskatchewan, in Saskatoon, SK, Canada, is a rapidly expanding facility and invites applications to fill immediately the position of genetic counselor. The University of Saskatchewan is located near downtown in the city of Saskatoon, on the banks of the South Saskatchewan River. The city is a cultural center with year-round recreational facilities and is within 2 hours of many provincial and national parks, lakes, beaches, golf courses, and wilderness areas. The university annually welcomes >19,000 full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate students to what is reputed to be among the most picturesque campuses in North America. The Royal University Hospital is a 490-bed facility located adjacent to the University of Saskatchewan. The position is within the Division of Medical Genetics, which currently consists of one medical geneticist, two genetic counselors, one Ph.D. cytogeneticist, and support staff. Under the direction of the medical geneticist, the genetic counselor will participate in the coordination and day-to-day administration of a busy general genetics program. This involves screening and accepting patient referrals, preparation and follow-up of families for genetic assessment, and counseling, teaching, and liaison with other related fields and professionals. Candidates must demonstrate organizational skills, good communication and interpersonal skills, cooperativeness, and dependability. The genetic counselor will have ample opportunity to counsel patients independently but must also work well in a team setting. Basic computer skills are essential. Applicants must have a master's degree in genetic counseling/genetics or 2 years of recent genetic counseling experience and an equivalent education level. The successful candidate must be eligible for membership and certification in the Canadian Association of Genetic Counselors (CAGC). We offer a competitive salary and

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benefits package. Position-specific questions can be directed to Dr. Edmond G. Lemire by telephone, at (306) 655-1692, or by e-mail, at lemiree@sdh.sk.ca. Please forward your resume to Ms. Jill Lockhart, Saskatoon District Health Human Resources, 103 Hospital Drive, Royal University Hospital, Saskatoon, SK Canada S7N 0W8; fax: (306) 655-2444; e-mail: lockhartj@sdh.sk.ca

Director of the Metabolic Diseases Program.—The Division of Medical Genetics at the Royal University Hospital and the University of Saskatchewan, in Saskatoon, SK, Canada, is a rapidly expanding genetics facility and invites applications to fill immediately the position of Director of the Metabolic Diseases Program. The University of Saskatchewan is located near downtown in the city of Saskatoon, on the banks of the South Saskatchewan River. The city is a cultural center with year-round recreational facilities and is within 2 hours of many provincial and national parks, lakes, beaches, golf courses, and wilderness areas. The university annually welcomes >19,000 full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate students to what is reputed to be among the most picturesque campuses in North America. The Royal University Hospital is a 490-bed facility located adjacent to the University of Saskatchewan. The Metabolic Diseases Program is a part of the Division of Medical Genetics. The Division of Medical Genetics currently consists of one medical geneticist, two genetic counselors, one Ph.D. cytogeneticist, and support staff. The director will lead a team involved in the diagnosis and management of patients with metabolic disorders and will be involved with the provincial newborn-screening program. The Provincial Laboratory in Regina has recently acquired a tandem mass spectrometer for use in the newborn-screening program. There is a metabolic laboratory with two full-time technologists. The director's responsibilities will include participation in clinical care, medical education, and research. Applicants must possess an M.D. degree and must be certified or eligible for certification in medical genetics and/or pediatrics through the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada and must have experience in the treatment of patients with metabolic disorders. Candidates with clinical experience in biochemical genetics who are certified through the CCMG and/or the ABMG will also be considered. Licensure by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan is necessary. Salary and rank will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. Interested individuals should submit a curriculum vitae, along with three letters of reference, to Dr. Edmond G. Lemire, Division of Medical Genetics, Royal University Hospital, 103 Hospital Drive, Saskatoon, SK, Canada S7N 0W8. For further information,

please contact Dr. Edmond Lemire by e-mail, at lemiree@sdh.sk.ca; by telephone, at (306) 655-1692; or by fax, at (306) 655-1736.

Medical Geneticist.—The Division of Medical Genetics at the Royal University Hospital and the University of Saskatchewan, in Saskatoon, SK, Canada, is a rapidly expanding genetics facility and invites applications to fill immediately the position of medical geneticist. The University of Saskatchewan is located near downtown in the city of Saskatoon, on the banks of the South Saskatchewan River. The city is a cultural center with year-round recreational facilities and is within 2 hours of many provincial and national parks, lakes, beaches, golf courses, and wilderness areas. The university annually welcomes >19,000 full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate students to what is reputed to be among the most picturesque campuses in North America. The Royal University Hospital is a 490-bed facility located adjacent to the University of Saskatchewan. The Division of Medical Genetics currently consists of one medical geneticist, two genetic counselors, one Ph.D. cytogeneticist, and support staff. It provides a wide range of inpatient and outpatient genetic services to the population of Saskatchewan. The successful applicant's responsibilities will include participation in clinical care, medical education, and research. Preferred applicants will possess an M.D. and will be certified or eligible for certification in medical genetics. Individuals with certification through the CCMG and/or the ABMG may also be considered. Licensure by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan is necessary. Salary and rank will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. Interested individuals should submit a curriculum vitae, along with three letters of reference, to Dr. Edmond G. Lemire, Division of Medical Genetics, Royal University Hospital, 103 Hospital Drive, Saskatoon, SK, Canada S7N 0W8. For further information, please contact Dr. Edmond Lemire by e-mail, at lemiree@sdh.sk.ca; by telephone, at (306) 655-1692; or by fax, at (306) 655-1736.

Associate Director, Clinical Cytogenetics Laboratory.—The Division of Human Genetics at the University of Connecticut Health Center seeks an associate director for its clinical cytogenetics laboratory. Duties of the associate director will include the expansion of FISH capabilities, with an emphasis on cancer cytogenetics. Other responsibilities will involve preparing/reviewing reports, oversight of staff, and teaching. Collaboration with state-of-the-art molecular-genetics research laboratories, including the DNA chip laboratory, will provide opportunities for transitioning new tests into the clinical

laboratory and will offer considerable scope for research. Candidates should possess a Ph.D. and/or an M.D. and should be board certified in clinical cytogenetics (and also, ideally, in molecular genetics) or eligible for such certification. Send a curriculum vitae to Peter Benn, Ph.D., Human Genetics Laboratories, University of Connecticut Health Center, 263 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, CT 06030-6140; e-mail: Benn@nso1.uhc.edu

Assistant/Associate Professor.—The Genetics Program at Boston University School of Medicine is inviting individuals with advanced training in genetic epidemiology to apply for a faculty position at the assistant-/associate-professor level. The successful candidate will join a highly accomplished team of multidisciplinary researchers, including several genetic epidemiologists, and will assume a leadership position on projects in the Genetic Epidemiology Center. The Genetics Program is particularly interested in persons capable of designing and executing analyses in large, collaborative gene-mapping projects and of developing an independent research program in complex disorders and diseases of urban populations. Active participation in teaching graduate and medical students is also expected. The research environment is enhanced by a molecular-genetics core facility within the Genetics Program, a novel graduate training program in molecular medicine, strong epidemiology and biostatistics programs in the School of Public Health, large and accessible patient populations, and numerous opportunities for collaborative clinical and basic research. Applicants must have a Ph.D., an M.D., or an equivalent degree. Salary and rank will be commensurate with experience and expertise. Send a curriculum vitae, a cover letter detailing experience and interests, and three letters of recommendation to Dr. Lindsay Farrer, Chief, Genetics Program, Department of Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine, 715 Albany Street, L-320, Boston, MA 02118; telephone: (617) 638-5393; fax: (617) 638-4275; e-mail: farrer@neugen.bu.edu. Boston University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

Cytogenetics Laboratory Supervisor.—Presbyterian Laboratory Services of Novant Health/Presbyterian Healthcare has an immediate opening for a laboratory supervisor. This is a full-service laboratory, processing all types of samples, including amniotic fluid, CVS, tissue biopsy, peripheral blood, and bone marrow. The laboratory is currently initiating FISH analysis for aneuploidy, microdeletions, hematological rearrangements, and HER2/neu. The successful candidate will supervise technologists and support staff, oversee the flow of all sam-

ples through the lab, and maintain compliance with all laboratory regulations. The candidates should have at least 5 years' experience as a cytogenetics technologist, including 2 years' experience in a supervisory capacity, and should hold a current NCA [CLSp(CG)] certification. Salary will be commensurate with experience. For further information, please contact Dr. Judith Knops by telephone, at (704) 943-3489, or by e-mail, at jknops@novanthealth.org. Qualified applicants should send an application to LaDonna Blackwell, Presbyterian Laboratory Services, 5040 Airport Center Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28208-5885.

Laboratory Geneticist Position.—The Genetics Laboratory of the Regional Genetics Program based at the Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, is seeking a laboratory geneticist either with CCMG or ABMG certification in molecular genetics and cytogenetics or with eligibility for such certification. The laboratory geneticist would participate in the operation of the molecular genetics and cytogenetics laboratories, in partnership with the current laboratory geneticist. The cytogenetics laboratory processes ~2,800 samples per year, 50% of which are prenatal. The molecular genetics laboratory is an expanding facility, with a focus on adult-onset diseases and predictive cancer testing. Training in the second subspecialty will be encouraged. The successful candidate's training will be part-time, through the facility's CCMG-accredited training program. Salary will be commensurate with previous experience. In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, priority will be given to Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada, but applications from non-Canadians are encouraged. Please direct inquiries to Dr. S. Farrell, the medical director of the Regional Genetics Program, or to Dr. M. Speevak, laboratory geneticist. They can be reached by telephone, at (905) 813-4104, or by e-mail, at sfarrell@cvh.on.ca or mspeevak@cvh.on.ca.

CALL FOR PATIENTS

Developmental Genome Anatomy Project (DGAP). Patients with apparently balanced chromosomal rearrangements and multiple congenital anomalies are being sought for participation in a gene-discovery research project. Goals of the DGAP include rapid mapping of chromosomal breakpoints, positional cloning of genes interrupted or dysregulated at the breakpoints, and validation of genes identified in specific anomalies through creation of animal models. Further details of the DGAP, sample submission and patient-consent forms, and con-

tact information are all available from Dr. Azra Ligon, Department of Pathology, Brigham and Women's Hospital, 75 Francis Street, Boston, MA 02116; telephone: (617) 732-7984; e-mail: aligon@rics.bwh.harvard.edu;

from Janine Lewis, telephone: (301) 263-9511; e-mail: jlewis@helix.mgh.harvard.edu; and from our Web site (<http://dgap.harvard.edu>). Your assistance in this project is deeply appreciated.