

Announcements¹

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Cytogenetic/Molecular Technologist.—The Kleberg cytogenetics and molecular cytogenetics laboratory at Baylor College of Medicine has an immediate opening for an outstanding individual with proven ability in cytogenetics, FISH, and molecular genetics. The laboratory processes all types of cytogenetic samples and has a growing diagnostic molecular biology and FISH component. Responsibilities of the position will include establishing and monitoring quality-control/quality-assurance activities, implementing new technologies, and troubleshooting problems encountered in the day-to-day activities of the laboratory. The preferred candidate should have at least 2 years of experience in a full-service cytogenetics/molecular genetics laboratory, experience in microscopy, and a B.S. degree or higher in a related field. Salary will be commensurate with experience. Please send your curriculum vitae to Rizwan C. Naeem, M.D., F.A.C.M.G., Associate Professor, Department of Molecular and Human Genetics, Director, Kleberg Cytogenetics and Molecular Cytogenetics Laboratory, Baylor College of Medicine, One Baylor Plaza, Room 410A, Houston, TX 77030; telephone: (713) 798-4991; fax: (713) 798-4998; e-mail: rizwann@bcm.tmc.edu. The laboratory's administrative assistant, Nancy Stokes, can be contacted by telephone, at (713) 798-7576, or by e-mail, at mstokes@bcm.tmc.edu. To find out more about the Kleberg Cytogenetics Laboratory, visit our Web site (<http://www.imgen.bcm.tmc.edu/medgen/klebergcytogenetics.htm>).

Statistical Geneticist.—Roche Molecular Systems, a leader in the field of DNA-based diagnostic tests, located in Alameda and Berkeley, CA, is looking for a statistical geneticist/biostatistician to join its multidisciplinary Complex Disease Group. The successful candidate will work on a variety of projects, including evaluation of whether candidate genes or haplotypes influence disease occurrence and analysis of mRNA profiling data. Responsibilities will also include review of potential publications for statistical accuracy and writing reports for in-house team members as well as outside collaborators. Qualifications for the position include familiarity with a wide range of statistical methods, such as ANOVA, logistic-regression analysis, survival analysis, linkage analysis, and multivariate analysis. Knowledge of genetics and experience in analysis genetic data are preferred. Proficiency in Splus or SAS is necessary. A Ph.D. or master's degree in statistics, biostatistics, statistical genetics, or genetic epidemiology is required. Good communication skills are required. Please submit your resume via e-mail to bonnie.fjal@roche.com

Cytogenetic Senior Technologist.—The Kleberg Cytogenetic Laboratory in the Department of Molecular and Human Genetics at Baylor College of Medicine has an immediate opening for an outstanding individual with proven leadership ability in cytogenetics and molecular cytogenetics. The laboratory processes >5,000 samples annually and has a growing diagnostic molecular cytogenetics component. Responsibilities include supervision of technical staff, effective overall management of the laboratory, establishment and monitoring of quality-control/quality-assurance activities, and assistance in development and implementation of new technologies and troubleshooting problems encountered in the day-to-day activities of the laboratory. The preferred candidate will have at least 5 years of experience in a full-service cytogenetics/molecular cytogenetics laboratory and a B.S. degree or higher in a related field. Salary will be commensurate with experience. For further information, contact Rizwan Naeem, M.D., Director, Kleberg Cytogenetics Laboratory, One Baylor Plaza, Baylor College

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POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING PROGRAMS

Training Fellowship in Clinical Cytogenetics—Applications are invited for a 2–3-year training fellowship in clinical cytogenetics at the Kleberg cytogenetics laboratory in the Department of Molecular and Human Genetics at Baylor College of Medicine. The central aim of the fellowship is eligibility for certification in clinical cytogenetics by the American Board of Medical Genetics. Ample opportunities for research are also available. Candidates with an M.D. or Ph.D. degree who have a strong background in cancer and molecular biology are encouraged to apply. Please send a copy of your resumé and personal statement to Rizwan C. Naeem, M.D., F.A.C.M.G., Associate Professor, Department of Molecular and Human Genetics, Director, Kleberg Cytogenetics and Molecular Cytogenetics Laboratory, Baylor College of Medicine, One Baylor Plaza, Room 410A, Houston, TX 77030; telephone: (713) 798-4991; fax: (713) 798-4998; e-mail: rizwann@bcm.tmc.edu. The laboratory's administrative assistant, Nancy Stokes, can be contacted by telephone, at (713) 798-7576, or by e-mail, at mstokes@bcm.tmc.edu. To find out more about the Kleberg Cytogenetics Laboratory, visit our Web site (<http://www.imgen.bcm.tmc.edu/medgen/klebergcytogenetics.htm>).

Postdoctoral Training Program in Statistical Genetics—The Training Program in Statistical Genetics (<http://watson.hgen.pitt.edu/T32/>) at the University of Pittsburgh provides postdoctoral training at the interface of human genetics, statistics, and psychiatry, with support from the National Institute of Mental Health. We seek postdoctoral trainees who desire advanced training in statistical genetics and/or its application to complex phenotypes, such as those in psychiatry. We will consider applicants who have excellent backgrounds in either biology or statistics. The goal of our program is to train multidisciplinary statistical geneticists who can advance methods for discovering genes affecting complex traits. Training support will usually be for 2 years. United States citizens or permanent residents are eligible to apply. Applications should include a statement of research interests, experience, and training goals; three letters of recommendation from graduate faculty; and a synopsis of previous academic training, such as transcripts. We currently have one position open; another will open in December 2002. Applications and requests for more in-

formation should be addressed to Daniel E. Weeks, Ph.D., Department of Human Genetics, University of Pittsburgh, A302A Crabtree Hall, 130 DeSoto Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15261; telephone: (412) 624-5388; fax: (412) 624-3020; e-mail: dweeks@watson.hgen.pitt.edu

MEETINGS

International DNA Sampling Conference—The 3d International DNA Sampling Conference will be held in Montreal, Canada, September 5–8, 2002. The conference will be hosted by the Center for Research in Law of the University of Montreal, the Health Law Institute of the University of Alberta, and the Network for Applied Genetic Research of Quebec. This conference will bring together leaders, researchers and policy-makers to examine the following themes: “Population Genetics and Community Genetics,” “Research: DNA Sampling and Banking,” “Public and Private Databases,” “Discrimination,” “Benefit-Sharing,” and “Patents.” For additional information, please visit the conference Web site (<http://www.humgen.umontreal.ca/conference/en/>) or reach us by telephone at (514) 343-2142.

Genetic Testing and Public Policy: Preparing Health Professionals—This conference will be held May 13, 2002, in Baltimore, MD. Educating health care professionals about genetics is a high priority of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetic Testing (SACGT), because of its critical importance to ensuring the appropriate use of genetic tests. As the use of genetic testing expands into many areas of health care, the capacity of health care professionals to provide accurate and up-to-date information to patients and consumers becomes essential. Through a combination of plenary presentations and panel discussions, this conference will explore the integration of genetics into primary care, will highlight the use of family-history taking as a primary predictive test, and will discuss the various roles of health care providers in the provision of genetics services. Afternoon focus groups will concentrate on several different areas of genetics education, training, and integration. Recommendations from the conference will be considered by the SACGT for proposal to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The meeting is open to the public and free to all participants. A catered luncheon is offered at the cost of \$30. All lunch reservations must be made in advance. For meeting information and registration, see the SACGT Web site (<http://www4.od.nih.gov/oba/sacgt.htm>).