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Employment Opportunities

Postdoctoral Fellowship and Ph.D. Student Positions.—Research positions are available immediately in the Department of Medical Genetics, Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The focus of the research is to determine the causes of chromosome abnormalities in humans by studying human spermatozoa and meiotic preparations in human spermatocytes. Exciting new discoveries of proteins important in recombination in lower organisms can be studied by immunocytochemistry in humans. The ideal candidate will have a broad education in genetics with experience in human karyotyping, immunology, PCR analysis, and FISH analysis; however, candidates with other backgrounds will be considered. The ability to work both as a team member and independently is crucial. Applicants should submit a brief summary of their research experience, a curriculum vitae, and contact information for three references to Dr. Renée H. Martin, Department of Medical Genetics, Alberta Children's Hospital, 1820 Richmond Road SW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2T 5C7; telephone: (403) 229-7369; fax: (403) 543-9100; e-mail: rhmartin@ucalgary.ca

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Medical Genetics Faculty.—The new interdisciplinary Center for Molecular and Mitochondrial Medicine and Genetics (MAMMAG) at the University of California, Irvine, in conjunction with the Division of Human Genetics in the Department of Pediatrics, is seeking two qualified physician scientists to join the faculty in human genetics. Specifically emphasizing the role that mitochondrial dysfunction plays in degenerative diseases, aging, and cancer, MAMMAG will encompass the complete range of biomedical investigations from patient diagnosis and investigation, through studies on model systems, to molecular and biochemical genetic and bioinformatic analyses. The center will encompass advanced basic science laboratories, a state-of-the-art transgenic mouse facility, and molecular and biochemical genetics diagnostics laboratories. Applicants should hold an M.D. or M.D./Ph.D. degree and should have experience in human genetics and molecular diagnosis and/or patient care of patients with mitochondrial and metabolic disease. Certification by the American Board of Medical Genetics is desirable but is not required. Successful candidates will be expected to maintain an active research program and to oversee the center's clinical program in mitochondrial disease and/or diagnostics laboratories. MAMMAG faculty will participate in the university's accredited training programs in medical genetics and genetic counseling and also will participate in training of medical students and graduate students. Rank will reflect training and experience. Interested candidates should send a curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of three references to Suzanne B. Cassidy, M.D., Chief, Division of Human Genetics, UCI Medical Center, Department of Pediatrics, 101 The City Drive, Building 2, 3d Floor, Orange, CA 92868. The University of California, Irvine is an equal opportunity employer committed to excellence through diversity.

Clinical Geneticist and Medical Director.—The Regional Genetics Program of The Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, is seeking applications for the position of clinical geneticist and medical director. Applications are encouraged from candidates at all levels of experience, but only qualified candidates will be considered for the position of medical director. The director will lead the regional program both in diagnosis and management of patients (in clinical genetics and prenatal diagnosis) and in provision of molecular and

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cytogenetics laboratory services. Program personnel include clinical and laboratory geneticists, genetic counselors, and laboratory technologists. The program is accredited by the Canadian College of Medical Geneticists, in conjunction with McMaster University, for service and training of genetics fellows. The program had >4,000 clinical visits in 2001 and serves a rapidly growing population of >1 million people. It is based in Mississauga, a city of 500,000 that is adjacent to Toronto. The region is cosmopolitan and culturally diverse and provides access to the amenities of both a city and an immediately adjacent rural region. The salary is competitive. Applicants must be eligible for medical licensure in the province of Ontario, membership in the Canadian College of Medical Geneticists, and/or fellowship in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (Medical Genetics). Members of the American Board of Medical Genetics will be considered. Interested individuals should send a resume to Room 1860, The Credit Valley Hospital, 2200 Eglinton Avenue West, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, L5M 2N1. Position-specific questions can be directed to Dr. Farrell by telephone, at (905) 813-4104, or by e-mail, at sfarrell@cvh.on.ca.

Postdoctoral Position.—Two postdoctoral researchers are sought to participate in projects involving the genetics of Tourette syndrome and autism. The candidate should have a recent Ph.D. in the biological sciences and a strong background in molecular biology and genetics. Please send a resume, a statement of research interests, and the names of three references (preferably by e-mail) to Mahbubul Huq, M.D., Ph.D., Department of Pediatrics, Wayne State University, 421 East Canfield, Detroit MI 48201; telephone: (313) 745-9326; fax: (313) 577-5271; e-mail: ahuq@med.edu

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Clinical Geneticist.—The Department of Pediatrics at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine has an immediate opening for a clinical geneticist at the Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. We are looking for someone to participate in existing clinical programs in dysmorphology, metabolic disorders and phenylketonuria, neurofibromatosis, and/or skeletal dysplasias. The successful candidate is also expected to participate in the education of residents and medical students at Children's Memorial Hospital, and he or she will help develop curricula for fellows and pediatric residents at Children's Memorial Hospital. Opportunities for clinical research and outreach services abound. All applicants must have an M.D. or D.O. degree, must be eligible for licensure in Illinois, and must be board certified or eligible for such certification in clinical genetics and pediatrics. Starting academic rank and salary will be based on level of experience. This is a full-time position with a continuing appointment and will be filled as soon as a suitable candidate is identified. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Interested individuals should send a curriculum vitae to Joel Charrow, M.D., Section of Clinical Genetics, Children's Memorial Hospital, No. 59, 2300 Children's Plaza, Chicago, IL 60614. Northwestern University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. Hiring is contingent on eligibility to work in the United States. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Faculty Position.—The Division of Human Genetics and Molecular Biology of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the Department of Pediatrics of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine are recruiting in the research track for an associate professor or professor of pediatrics. This position is geared toward a scientist whose responsibilities will rest primarily in research. The applicant for this position should have a Ph.D. degree (or the equivalent) and should have demonstrated research expertise in human molecular genetics, genetic epidemiology, and human teratology. The rank and track will be commensurate with experience and credentials. Attractive laboratory space in a new research building and additional resources are available. Send a curriculum vitae, including bibliography, statement of research interests, and names and addresses of three references, to Beverly S. Emanuel, Ph.D., Chief, Division of Human Genetics and Molecular Biology, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Room 1002, Abramson Research Building, 3516 Civic Center Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19104. The University of Pennsylvania is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Course

Advanced Gene-Mapping/Linkage Course.—An advanced linkage course will be held in New York City at The Rockefeller University during the week of December 2–6, 2002. The cost of the 5-d course is $100 (supported by a grant from the National Human Genome Research Institute). This fee covers tuition and course-related expenses (handouts, etc.) but not room and board. The maximum number of participants is 20. Emphasis in this course is on the analysis of complex disease traits. It will include both theory and practical exercises, which will be performed using a variety of computer programs. Topics will include parametric analysis of quantitative and qual-

itative traits; sib-pair analysis of quantitative and qualitative traits; nonparametric method of analyzing extended family pedigree data; association studies, including haplotype relative risk, transmission/disequilibrium test, and case-control studies; evaluation of sample size; generation of genetic maps; and variance-components analysis. The instructors for the course will be John Blangero, David Clayton, Josephine Hoh, Suzanne Leal, Tara Matise, Jurg Ott, and Dan Weeks. Five travel stipends of $1,200 each are available to eligible participants from U.S. institutions. Preference will be given to students and postdoctoral researchers. For additional information, please contact Katherine Montague (telephone: [212] 327-7979; fax: [212] 327-7996; e-mail: montagk@rockefeller.edu) or visit our Web site (http://linkage.rockefeller.edu/suzanne/advanced_course_dec02.html) for additional information and applications. The application deadline is September 15, 2002.

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.

Nail Patella Syndrome Conference.—The Fifth International Nail Patella Syndrome (NPS) Conference will be held in Pittsburgh, PA, on July 26–27, 2002. The conference will be hosted by Nail Patella Syndrome Worldwide, a nonprofit group established to increase awareness of NPS and to provide relevant clinical and scientific information for physicians and families. Parents, family members, and interested professionals are all welcome. Scientific presentations will cover the clinical and molecular genetics, radiology, orthopedics, ophthalmology, nephrology, and neurology of NPS. The conference will provide a valuable opportunity for family members and parents to interact with each other and with medical professionals. Continuing medical education accreditation is available. The conference will be held at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center–Oakland, Montefiore Hospital. Accommodation is available at Holiday Inn at University Center, 100 Lytton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213; telephone (412) 682-6200 or (800) 864-8287. Further information can be obtained from Nail Patella Syndrome Worldwide, 1658 East Capitol Expressway PMB #212, San Jose, CA 95121, or from our Web site (http://www.nailpatella.org).

International Genetic Epidemiology Society.—The 11th annual meeting of the International Genetic Epidemiology Society (IGES) will be held in New Orleans on November 15–16 at the New Orleans Marriott Hotel, in the French Quarter. The meeting follows the Genetic Analysis Workshop (GAW 13) on November 11–14, which this year is devoted to the analysis of longitudinal Framingham data as well as a simulated data problem. A special symposium will also be held in honor of Dr. Robert Elston on the evening of November 14. The first IGES session will be devoted to Dr. Elston's seminal contributions to genetic epidemiology. Other scientific IGES sessions will focus particularly on the areas of population genetic epidemiology, pharmacogenetics, and computational genomics. Invited speakers include Neil Risch, Lon Cardon, and Lara Lazzaroni. Neel and Williams awards will be given for the best presentations by a student and by a postdoc. Come join us in "Nawlins" in the fall! Registration/reservation forms and meeting information are available and abstracts can be submitted at the IGES Web site (http://www.genepi.org), or information can be obtained by contacting Bronya Keats, Ph.D., by telephone: (505) 568-6150; by fax: (504) 568-8500; or by e-mail: bkeats@lsuhsdc.edu

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Fellowship Opportunity

New Fellowship in Genetics and Public Policy.—This is a new 1-year fellowship program sponsored by the American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) and the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). It is designed for genetics professionals with an advanced degree who are early in their careers and are interested in the development and implementation of national genetics health and research policies. The fellowship, located in Washington, DC, will start as early as August 2002. The compensation package will be $50,000. Recipients will be assigned to specific projects under NHGRI staff su-

pervision, will work with the executive vice president of ASHG on legislative issues, and will have the opportunity to work with the U.S. Congress. The formal request for applications will be available online at the ASHG (http://www.ashg.org/) and NHGRI (http://www.nhgri.nih.gov) Web sites. For immediate questions, please e-mail jboughman@ashg.org. The NIH and the ASHG are equal opportunity employers.