Announcements[1]

Awards

Allan Award.—The Allan Award is the highest honor bestowed by the American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) and was established in 1961 in memory of William Allan (1881–1943), one of the first American physicians to conduct extensive research in human genetics. The Allan Award is presented annually to recognize sustained and outstanding scientific contributions to human genetics. The Allan Award comprises a medal and $10,000, which is granted as a personal prize. The awardee is invited to present a 30–45-min plenary address to the ASHG at the annual meeting and is asked to submit a manuscript to The American Journal of Human Genetics. The award is not contingent on the address or the submission of a manuscript. A listing of previous Allan Award winners can be found at the ASHG Web site (http://www.ashg.org/genetics/ashg/annmeet/2003/awards/003.shtml). Nominations for the Allan Award should be based on a body of substantial and sustained scientific contributions, made over a lifetime, to human and medical genetics. A single scientific contribution is not considered sufficient. Both American and overseas scientists may be proposed. Awardees will usually be ASHG members, but membership is not required. Usually, a single recipient should be nominated. If two scientists have collaborated or have contributed independently to the topic for which the award is given, two individuals may be nominated. Each will receive the full amount of the award. All members of the Society are urged to submit a single nomination. Please submit a letter documenting the nominees significant and sustained contributions to the field of human genetics. Nomination letters must be received by April 18, 2003, to be considered. Please send them to Joann A. Boughman, Ph.D., Executive Vice President, American Society of Human Genetics, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (301) 634-7300; fax: (301) 634-7079; e-mail: jboughman@ashg.org

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Stern Award.—The Stern Award was instituted by the American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) in 2001 and honors the memory of Curt Stern (1902–1981) as an outstanding pioneer in human genetics and the ASHG president in 1956. This award will be granted annually to a scientist for major scientific achievement in human genetics in the past 10 years. The award comprises a personal prize of $2,500 and an engraved crystal piece. Nominations for the Stern Award should be based on a major scientific discovery or a series of contributions on a similar or related topic made during the past 10 years (whereas the Allan Award honors lifetime achievements). Both American and overseas scientists may be proposed. Awardees will usually be ASHG members, but membership is not required. Usually, a single recipient should be nominated. If two scientists have collaborated or have contributed independently to the topic for which the award is given, two individuals may be nominated. Each will receive the full amount of the award. All members of the Society are urged to submit a single nomination. Please submit a letter documenting the nominees significant contribution to the past decade of discovery in human genetics. The nomination must be received by April 18, 2003, to be considered. Please send them to Joann A. Boughman, Ph.D., Executive Vice President, American Society of Human Genetics, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (301) 634-7300; fax: (301) 634-7079; e-mail: jboughman@ashg.org

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ASHG Award for Excellence in Human Genetics Education.—The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) has established an award to recognize outstanding contributions to human genetics education. Nomi-

1. Announcements are published free of charge for members of The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG). Please mail announcements to The American Journal of Human Genetics, Department of Human Genetics, Emory University School of Medicine, 615 Michael Street, Room 301, Atlanta, GA 30322-3050; fax them to (404) 712-9984; or send via E-mail to ajhg@emory.edu. Submission must be received *at least 7 weeks* before the month of issue in which publication is requested. They must be double spaced with a $1\frac{1}{2}$-inch margin on all sides. The maximum length is *250 words,* excluding the address for correspondence. Please include a cover letter indicating the name of the sponsoring ASHG member.

nations for this award are now being solicited from members of the Society. Nominees must have made a contribution that is recognized nationally or internationally as being of exceptional quality and great importance to human genetics education. Examples would include producing a set of writings that have had a major influence on human genetics education, developing a course that is widely emulated, writing a book that has been adopted by many universities, producing a popular television series on medical genetics, or directing a fellowship program that has consistently produced successful graduates. The range of possible contributions to human genetics education is great, but the quality and impact of the contribution must be exceptional. Any ASHG member may propose a candidate for nomination by submitting appropriate documentation to the Information and Education Committee. This documentation should consist of a detailed description of the individuals qualifications and educational contribution(s), as well as letters of support from two other ASHG members. The Committee will choose at least three individuals as nominees each year and will prepare a standard dossier on each. These dossiers will be provided to the ASHG Awards Committee for consideration prior to the annual meeting. The recipient of the award will be selected by the ASHG Awards Committee from the nominations submitted to it by the Information and Education Committee. The Awards Committee may choose not to present the award in a given year if, in its opinion, none of the nominees is a suitable recipient. Previous award recipients are Margaret Thompson, Barton Childs, Victor McKusick, C. C. Li, Arno Motulsky, F. Clarke Fraser, Charles Scriver, and Kurt Hirschhorn. Nominations and supporting documents must be received by April 18, 2003, to be considered for the award. Please submit complete documentation and letters of recommendation in support of the nomination to the ASHG Information and Education Committee, c/o Jane Doran Salomon, M.S., The American Society of Human Genetics, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814; e-mail: jsalomon @ashg.org

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Employment Opportunities

Assistant Director of Clinical Cytogenetics.—The Department of Pediatrics at Washington University School of Medicine is recruiting a board-eligible or board-certified clinical cytogeneticist to join the faculty of the Division of Medical Genetics. The responsibilities mostly include the oversight of the daily diagnostic operations of the laboratory and participation in the teaching of medical students, residents, or fellows. The laboratory performs all the standard cytogenetic and FISH tests in amniotic fluids, chorionic villus sampling, products of conception, peripheral bloods, and bone marrows. The staff of the Division of Medical Genetics consists of three medical geneticists, four Ph.D. geneticists, and three genetics counselors. Comprehensive molecular diagnostic and biochemical laboratories are on site. The faculty appointment and compensation through Washington University will be commensurate with the qualifications and experience. Washington University in St. Louis offers an excellent benefits package and is an equal opportunity employer. Interested applicants must send a letter with a curriculum vitae (including three references) to the laboratory director, Dr. Jaime Garcia-Heras, Division of Medical Genetics, Department of Pediatrics, Campus Box 8116, 4942 Parkview Place, St. Louis, MO 63110; e-mail: garcia-heras_j@kids.wustl.edu. AA/EOE M/F/D/V.

Pediatric Geneticist/Physician Scientist.—The Division of Genetics and Metabolic Disorders at Childrens Hospital of Michigan, an affiliated hospital of Wayne State University School of Medicine, is seeking applications from ABMG-eligible or -certified M.D. or M.D./Ph.D. clinical geneticists for a new tenure-track position to develop additional research programs in genetics, proteomics, and/or pharmacogenomics; experience and board certification in biochemical genetics are highly desirable. The successful candidate will have a strong academic record and an interest in developing an independent research program and participating in multidisciplinary research. Patient care requirements will be minimal. Board certification in pediatrics is also required. Academic rank and salary will be commensurate with experience and training. Under the leadership of the new chair of pediatrics, the Division is being expanded to enhance the clinical, educational, and research components. The Childrens Research Center of Michigan is located in Childrens Hospital and would be a resource for the physician-scientist. Applicants should submit a current curriculum vitae and a letter of interest to Gerald L. Feldman, M.D., Ph.D., Director, Clinical Genetic Services, Center for Molecular Medicine and Genetics, 540 East Canfield/3216 Scott Hall, Detroit, MI 48201; telephone: (313) 577-6298; fax: (313) 577-9137; e-mail: gfeldman@genetics.wayne.edu

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Pediatric Geneticist.—The Division of Genetics and Metabolic Disorders at Childrens Hospital of Michigan, an affiliated hospital of Wayne State University School of Medicine, is seeking applicants from ABMG-eligible or -certified M.D. or M.D./Ph.D. clinical geneticists for a new tenure-track position. Experience and certification

in biochemical genetics are highly desirable. Board certification in pediatrics is also required. Academic rank and salary will be commensurate with experience and training. The successful candidate will join an established clinical genetics program with one clinical geneticist, one clinical geneticist/clinical biochemical-molecular geneticist, and three genetics counselors. Under the leadership of the new chair of pediatrics, the Division is being expanded to enhance the clinical, educational, and research components. Opportunities are available to participate in the states Newborn Screening Program. The applicant would be expected to participate in clinical genetics services; to teach medical students, genetic counseling students, and medical genetics and pediatric residents and fellows; and to pursue individual research interests. The time available for research will be tailored to demonstrated potential for research. Applicants should submit a current curriculum vitae and a letter of interest to Gerald L. Feldman, M.D., Ph.D., Director, Clinical Genetic Services, Center for Molecular Medicine and Genetics, 540 East Canfield/3216 Scott Hall, Detroit, MI 48201; telephone: (313) 577-6298; fax: (313) 577-9137; e-mail: gfeldman@genetics.wayne.edu

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Physician/Scientist Faculty in Human Genetics.—The Department of Human Genetics at Emory University School of Medicine is seeking M.D. or M.D./Ph.D. physician/scientists certified or eligible for certification by the American Board of Medical Genetics (ABMG), for tenure-track appointments at the assistant or associate professor level. The successful candidate will join a rapidly expanding research program in human genetics and genomics; eight new full-time tenure-track faculty have joined the department in the past year. In addition to a strong research base, the department has a well-established clinical division in medical genetics and is fully accredited for genetic residencies by the American College of Medical Genetics Residency Review Committee and for training in medical, cyto-, molecular, and biochemical genetics by the ABMG. The successful applicant would have at least 75% of his or her time free for research, with the remainder of time devoted to patient care and teaching. Any area of contemporary human genetics research is acceptable, with the primary consideration being evidence supporting future research success and innovation. Generous start-up packages and competitive salaries are available, as well as laboratory space in the recently opened Whitehead Biomedical Research Building. See our department's Web page (http://www.genetics.emory.edu) for more information. Candidates should send either electronic or hard copies of a curriculum vitae, descriptions of research and clinical experience, and future research plans to Stephen T. Warren, Ph.D., FACMG, W. P. Timmie Professor and Chair, Department of Human Genetics, Emory University School of Medicine, 615 Michael Street, Suite 301, Atlanta, GA 30322; e-mail: swarren@emory.edu. Emory University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Postdoctoral Fellows in Human Genetics.—Experienced and highly motivated Ph.D or M.D./Ph.D. individuals are sought to join a well-established human molecular genetics laboratory at Emory University School of Medicine. Projects include (1) mechanism action of the fragile X mental retardation protein, (2) global correlation between DNA variation and gene expression in humans, and (3) endogenous mechanisms of small temporal RNAs in mammals. A background in molecular genetics is essential, as is a solid background in genetics, genomics, and/or biochemistry. Candidates should submit a curriculum vitae, a description of research experience and interests, and the names of three references to Stephen T. Warren, Ph.D., FACMG, W. P. Timmie Professor and Chair, Department of Human Genetics, Emory University School of Medicine, 615 Michael Street, Suite 301, Atlanta, GA 30322; e-mail: swarren@emory.edu. Emory University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Postdoctoral Fellow in Endocrinology.—The Max McGee National Research Center for Juvenile Diabetes, at the Medical College of Wisconsin and Childrens Hospital of Wisconsin, seeks an enthusiastic and able postdoctoral fellow to take a leading role in the Center's mission of finding genetic determinants for type 1 diabetes. The position requires an M.D. or a Ph.D. in molecular genetics or immunology. The successful candidate will join an interdisciplinary team at the center who have backgrounds in both mathematics and the physical sciences and who will use emerging technologies to integrate mapping, sequencing, and expression data to produce a functional genomics framework, to delineate diabetogenic pathways for further investigation. Experience in cellular and molecular immunology is essential. Interested candidates may send a curriculum vitae with the names and addresses of three references to Jane Martell, Department of Pediatrics, Medical College of Wisconsin, 8701 Watertown Plank Road, MFRC756, Milwaukee, WI 53226. Please see our Web site (http://www.mcw.edu/hr/) for more information.

Call for Patients

Families with X-linked reticulate pigmentary disorder with systemic manifestations, also known as familial cu-

taneous amyloidosis with systemic manifestations in males and X-linked cutaneous amyloidosis, are needed for an internal review board–approved study aimed at identifying the defective gene. If you have any patients with this disorder, please contact Dr. Andrew Zinn by telephone at (214) 648-1615 or by e-mail at Andrew.Zinn@UTSouthwestern.edu. Thank you.

FELLOWSHIP

Clinical Genetics Fellowship.—A fellowship in clinical genetics will be available beginning July 1, 2003, in the combined Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine–University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine American Board of Medical Genetics–approved residency program in genetics. This position will be based at Childrens Memorial Hospital, with clinical, laboratory, and research rotations on both medical school campuses. The program emphasizes inborn errors of metabolism and lysosomal storage diseases and will include training and active participation in clinical trials. Other existing clinical programs include dysmorphology, metabolic disorders and phenylketonuria, neurofibromatosis, Marfan syndrome, neurogenetics, and skeletal dysplasias. All applicants must have an M.D. or D.O. degree, must be eligible for licensure in Illinois, and must have completed 3 years of pediatric residency. 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, Childrens Memorial Hospital, No. 59, 2300 Childrens Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60614. Northwestern University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the United States. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.