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Employment Opportunities

Molecular Geneticist.—A postdoctoral position is available immediately to participate in ongoing studies on the analysis of genetic and epigenetic alterations in human male germ cell tumors at the Department of Pathology in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University. The research involves the use of methods in molecular biology and genome analysis (see *Genome Research* [1999] 9:662; *Molecular Cancer* [2002] 1:8). Applicants should have a Ph.D. and at least 1 year of experience in the areas specified. Interested candidates should send a curriculum vitae and the names of three references to Vundavalli V. V. S. Murty, Ph.D., Department of Pathology, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, 630 West 168th Street, New York, NY 10032; telephone: (212) 305-7914; e-mail: vvm2@columbia.edu

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Director of Clinical Cytogenetics.—The Center for Human Genetics at the Boston University School of Medicine is seeking applications for the position of Director of Clinical Cytogenetics. The candidate must have a Ph.D. or an M.D. and must be certified by the American Board of Medical Genetics in clinical cytogenetics. Experience with diagnostic cytogenetics is required, as well as management skills to guide and oversee a large, experienced technical staff. Demonstrated interest in research is necessary in this academic center, as well as participation in teaching. Efforts to establish a research program would be strongly encouraged. The academic appointment and salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. A very good benefits package is provided by the university. Please forward a curriculum vitae to Aubrey Milunsky, M.D., D.Sc., Director, Center for Human Genetics and Professor of Human Genetics, Boston University School of Medicine, 715 Albany Street, Boston, MA 02118; fax: (617) 638-7092; e-mail: amilunsk@bu.edu. Boston University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

Genetic Counselor/Research Study Coordinator.—We are seeking a Genetic Counselor/Research Study Coordinator to join the Genetics Division at Children's Hospital Boston (the primary pediatric teaching hospital of Harvard Medical School). This position will be an integral part of a newly funded project to study the treatment of Angelman syndrome with betaine and folate and to develop strategies for therapy in other disorders, such as Prader-Willi syndrome and Rett syndrome. The successful candidate will be primarily responsible for (1) establishing and maintaining collaborations with physicians around the world, (2) ascertaining individuals for participation in the study, (3) acquiring comprehensive clinical data and samples from patients, (4) cataloging and tracking all clinical and diagnostic data pertaining to patients and blood/tissue samples, and (5) participating in collaborative work to interpret data derived from these specimens. The Genetic Counselor/Research Study Coordinator will also have opportunities to work as a clinical genetic counselor at Children's Hospital and to participate in other studies on the genetics of craniofacial syndromes and inherited muscle disorders. A master's degree in genetic counseling, with an interest in research, or a bachelor's or master's degree in biology, genetics, or a related field, with a working knowledge of the principles and concepts of genetics, is required. Experience using computer programs is an asset. The candidate should be organized and detail-oriented, with strong written and verbal skills. Interested candidates should e-mail a cover letter and résumé to Virginia Kimonis (virginia.kimonis@tch.harvard.edu) or Marcy Belliveau (marcy.belliveau@tch.harvard.edu) or send

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these items to Division of Genetics, Enders 5, Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115; telephone: (617) 355-3480/4697; fax: (617) 730-0466.

Assistant, Associate, and Full Professor Positions.—The Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and the Center for Genetic Medicine are substantially expanding their faculty and are initiating supradepartmental searches to recruit outstanding individuals for full-time, tenure-track faculty positions at the level of assistant, associate, or full professor, depending on prior experience and research accomplishments. Applications are considered in all areas of genetics, genomics, and bioinformatics. We are especially interested in candidates whose work involves genetic model organisms, genetics and models of human disease, functional genomics, and genomics-oriented computational biology and human genetics. Areas of research focus include cancer genetics, neurogenetics, the genetics of complex disease, genetic epidemiology, fundamental genetic mechanisms, and developmental genetics and stem-cell biology. Applicants should have a Ph.D. and/or an M.D. degree and exceptional research potential. Responsibilities of the positions are to develop dynamic, independently funded research programs and to participate in medical- and graduate-student teaching. Cluster hires of interacting faculty will be considered. High-quality laboratory space and excellent start-up support will be provided. Applications must include a curriculum vitae, an e-mail address, a brief statement of the proposed research program, and three letters of recommendation. To ensure consideration, completed applications must be received by February 28, 2004. Appointments will begin on or after September 1, 2004. Submissions should be sent to (e-mail preferred) Rex L. Chisholm, Ph.D., Director, Center for Genetic Medicine, c/o Sheri Carney, 303 E. Chicago Ave. Ward 4-161, Chicago, IL 60611; e-mail: geneticsearch@northwestern.edu. Northwestern University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action educator and employer and invites applications from all qualified individuals. Applications from women and minorities are especially sought.

Research Associate.—The University of Southern Californias Institute of Genetic Medicine, located in Los Angeles, is seeking a research associate to plan, design, and conduct highly technical and complex research projects and experiments involving analytical genomic principles, including microarray spotting, gene expression profiling, and other nucleic acid molecular technologies. The research associate will report to and consult with the principal investigator as needed. Responsibilities include analyzing research data and providing interpretations, contributing to the development of research documentation for publication, creating operating procedures, developing scientific quality controls for the Advanced Technology Genomics Core Facility, and supervising other researchers as needed. Applicants must have a Ph.D. or an M.D. (or an equivalent foreign degree) in an appropriate scientific discipline, plus 1 year of related entry-level research (or research assistant) experience. Candidates must possess the ability to perform job duties. To apply, visit http://www.usc.edu/bus-affairs/ers/jobs/H10102.html. AA/EOE.

Faculty Positions in Human Genetics.—The Department of Human Genetics at Emory University School of Medicine is currently seeking physician scientists for tenure-track appointments at the assistant or associate professor level. Applicants must be certified (or eligible for certification) by the American Board of Medical Genetics (ABMG) and must possess an M.D. or an M.D./Ph.D. Successful candidates will join a rapidly expanding research program in human genetics and genomics under the leadership of Steve Warren, Ph.D., as well as a fully reorganized and vibrant clinical division under the leadership of David Ledbetter, Ph.D., Division Director, and Paul Fernhoff, M.D., Medical Director. The Division of Medical Genetics within the Department of Human Genetics is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) for genetic residencies and by the ABMG for training in all subspecialties. The successful applicant would have at least 75% of his/her time devoted to research and teaching, with the remainder of time devoted to patient care. Any area of contemporary human genetics research is acceptable, with primary consideration being given to evidence of future research success and innovation. Generous start-up packages and competitive salaries are available. Candidates should send (preferably by e-mail) a curriculum vitae, as well as descriptions of research and clinical experience and future research plans, to Faculty Search Committee, Department of Human Genetics, Emory University School of Medicine, 615 Michael Street, Suite 301, Atlanta, GA 30322; e-mail: facsearch@genetics.emory.edu. Letters of reference will be requested at a later date. Emory University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Postdoctoral Positions in Human Genetics.—Five laboratories in the Department of Human Genetics at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA, are currently seeking postdoctoral candidates. Successful candidates will join laboratories in a vibrant and rapidly expanding department that includes both basic science and clinical activities in human genetics and genomics.

Current faculty seeking postdoctoral candidates are (1) Andrew Escayg (aescayg@genetics.emory.edu), whose research utilizes human and mouse genetics to identify novel genes and pathways that underlie a variety of inherited human neurological disorders, including epilepsy, ataxia, and migraine; (2) Judy Fridovich-Keil (jfridov@emory.edu), whose laboratory has two positions currently open, one involving studies of the metabolic disorders transferase-deficiency and epimerase-deficiency galactosemia, using yeast and mammalian cell systems, and the other involving studies of the yeast multiple KH-domain RNA-binding protein Scp160p; (3) David Ledbetter (dledbetter@genetics.emory.edu), whose focus is on molecular cytogenetics, including mechanisms and consequences of human chromosome abnormalities, telomeres, centromeres, and genomewide assessment of gene-dosage imbalance by arrayCGH; (4) Xiao-Jiang Li (xiaoli@genetics.emory.edu), who investigates the molecular mechanisms of Huntington and polyglutamine neurodegenerative diseases; and (5) Steve Warren (swarren@genetics.emory.edu), whose research includes clinical, biochemical, and genetic studies of fragile X and fragile X tremor/ataxia syndromes, as well as microRNAs in human disease. Candidates should e-mail a curriculum vitae, including the names and contact information of at least three references, directly to the principal investigator of the laboratory in which they are interested. Emory University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Call for Abstracts

Third National Institutes of Health (NIH) Conference on Holoprosencephaly Call for Abstracts.—The Third NIH Conference on Holoprosencephaly: Midline and Laterality Development will be held April 18–20, 2004, in Bethesda, MD. The conference is sponsored by the NIH, the National Human Genome Research Institute, and the Department of Health and Human Services. Topics for abstracts may include basic science research on holoprosencephaly (HPE) and other midline defects, such as clefting and congenital heart defects in humans or animal models; clinical research; case reports and series; genetic counseling and psychosocial research; and HPE in diverse populations. Topics in individual sessions will include new findings on HPE, oral-facial clefting, laterality defects (with emphasis on congenital heart defects), psychosocial research on HPE families, and HPE in diverse populations. Up to 20 partial travel stipends to trainees are available. Competition for this travel award is open to all predoctoral and postdoctoral fellows, as well as clinical residents and fellows. Continuing medical education (CME) credits are available. The deadline for abstracts is January 1, 2004. For more information, visit http://www.genome.gov/10000793 or call Dr. Maximilian Muenke at (301) 402-8167.

Conference

Great Lakes Chromosome Conference.—The 42nd annual Great Lakes Chromosome Conference (GLCC) will be held May 13–14, 2004, in Toronto, Canada. This conference brings together clinical cytogeneticists, cytogenetic fellows, and technologists in an informal setting to examine the themes of cancer cytogenetics, clinical problems, research programs, and new technologies. For additional information, please visit the conference Web site (http://glccontario.tripod.com/theGLCC/). If you wish to be added to the conference e-mail list, please contact the meeting organizer, Marsha Speevak, at mspeevak@cvh.on.ca