

# Announcements<sup>1</sup>

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

*Pre- and Postdoctoral Positions in Statistical Genetic Analysis and Genetic Epidemiology.*—The Genetics of Complex Disorders (GCD) training program in the Department of Psychiatry at Columbia University provides pre- and postdoctoral training in the genetic epidemiology and statistical genetic analysis of complex diseases, including psychiatric disorders. Our mission is to train scientists who will be aware of all aspects of genetic studies, including study design, clinical aspects, phenotype definition, molecular laboratory issues, and statistical analysis. Training includes both didactic components (coursework and lab rotations) and research. We seek applicants with training in statistics, epidemiology, and/or genetics and with demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in the genetic analysis of complex disorders. Applicants for postdoctoral positions must have a Ph.D., M.D., or the equivalent; predoctoral applicants need a master's degree. Further information can be obtained at our Web site (<http://cpmcnet.columbia.edu/dept/sph/epi/gcd/>). Columbia University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens.

*Clinical Geneticist.*—The Department of Pediatrics at Saint Louis University School of Medicine and Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital is seeking a clinical geneticist, either certified or eligible for certification by the American Board of Medical Genetics, for an assistant- or associate-professor position in the Division of Med-

ical Genetics. Responsibilities will include administrative duties and participation in clinical care and medical education. The division currently consists of two clinical geneticists, an adult-cancer geneticist, three genetic counselors, and a Ph.D. molecular/cytogeneticist. The division provides a wide range of inpatient and outpatient services at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, other area hospitals, and outreach-clinic sites. The division provides prenatal genetic services, in concert with the Maternal/Fetal Medicine Division of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Two faculty members in the division are actively involved in molecular genetics research projects. Comprehensive cytogenetics, molecular genetics, and biochemical genetics diagnostic laboratories are on site. Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital is a 165-bed freestanding hospital and ambulatory care center located in midtown St. Louis; it serves a diverse population from the inner city, the metropolitan area, and a 200-mile referral radius. The medical staff includes >90 full-time site-based Saint Louis University School of Medicine faculty. Saint Louis University is a Catholic Jesuit institution dedicated to education, research, and health care. The St. Louis metropolitan area is well known for its low cost of living, excellent public and private schools, diverse cultural opportunities, numerous parks, recreation, and wildlife sites. The candidate should have an interest in academic achievement in clinical genetics. Experience and/or certification in biochemical genetics are preferred, but not required. Interested candidates should submit a curriculum vitae to Gary S. Gottesman, M.D., Associate Professor and Director, Division of Medical Genetics, Department of Pediatrics, Saint Louis University School of Medicine, 1465 South Grand Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63104-1095; telephone: (314) 577-5639; e-mail: [gottesgs@slu.edu](mailto:gottesgs@slu.edu). Saint Louis University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer, and nominations and applications of women and minorities are encouraged.

*Director of Cytogenetics.*—The Department of Medical Genetics of the Henry Ford Medical Group (HFMG) has an active and very well integrated clinical genetics

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service, including local and outreach genetics clinics, as well as DNA diagnostic, cytogenetics, and maternal-serum-screening laboratories. We support the Henry Ford Health System (HFHS is the largest integrated medical system in Michigan [<http://www.henryfordhealth.org>]) and many other hospitals and clinics throughout southeastern Michigan. The Henry Ford Medical System is strong and growing. HFHS will build a new 350-bed hospital in West Bloomfield, MI. We are presently seeking an enthusiastic and experienced board-certified clinical cytogeneticist. The primary responsibilities of this individual will be direction of the cytogenetics laboratory and communication with referring physicians. The laboratory volume will be ~6,000 karyotype and 1,200 FISH studies in 2004. The laboratory provides services to the HFMG physicians and the HFHS hospitals; it is also a major reference laboratory for other hospital systems. There are many teaching and research opportunities. Intramural grant programs are available to develop preliminary results for external (e.g., National Institutes of Health) grant applications, and we have a well-regarded training program in medical genetics that is accredited by the American Board of Medical Genetics and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. Faculty appointments and compensation are commensurate with qualifications and experience. HFMG is an equal opportunity employer. Letters of interest should be addressed to Kristin Monaghan, Ph.D., Department of Medical Genetics, Henry Ford Medical Group, 2799 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48202.

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*Postdoctoral Fellow in Molecular Cytogenetics Research.*—A position for a postdoctoral research fellow is available immediately at the Cytogenetics Laboratory of the Dr. John T. Macdonald Foundation Center for Medical Genetics at the University of Miami School of Medicine, for an individual with interest in molecular cytogenetics and microarray techniques. The current research emphasis is on the application of these techniques for investigations of complex genomic disorders and the development of new diagnostic tests. The successful applicant should have a Ph.D. or an M.D./Ph.D. in human molecular genetics, molecular cytogenetics, molecular biology, or a related field. The individual should have experience in DNA and RNA manipulation, fluorescence probe labeling, in situ hybridization, microscopic analysis, and data management. Upon completion of a 2-year research fellowship, there is a potential for the individual to pursue further training in clinical cytogenetics through a training program accredited by the American Board of Medical Genetics. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, and the names of three references to Dr. Yao-Shan Fan, Cytogenetics Laboratory, University of Miami School of

Medicine, P.O. Box 016820 (D-820), Miami, FL 33101; e-mail: [yfan@med.miami.edu](mailto:yfan@med.miami.edu)

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*Faculty Position in Medical Genetics.*—The Department of Pediatrics of the Faculty of Medicine at Dalhousie University is seeking a clinical geneticist to join the expanding Division of Medical Genetics. We are seeking an enthusiastic individual with broad interests in clinical genetics. Interest and experience in areas including prenatal diagnosis, dysmorphology, adult genetics, neurogenetics, and cancer genetics are desirable. The main responsibilities of the successful candidate will be clinical, through the activities of the Maritime Medical Genetics Service, based at the IWK Health Centre. This increasingly busy clinical service provides genetics services to children, adults, couples, and families throughout the three Maritime provinces. The successful candidate will also take an active role in education as well as research. Many opportunities for collaboration in basic and clinical research exist. The Maritime Medical Genetics Service is moving into expanded facilities in the summer of 2004. Qualifications include an M.D. degree, certification by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or the Canadian College of Medical Genetics (or their equivalents), and eligibility for licensure in the Province of Nova Scotia. Faculty rank will be determined after review of the applicants experience and qualifications. Salary and benefits are highly competitive and are commensurate with experience. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Dalhousie University is an employment equity/affirmative action employer. The University encourages applications from qualified Aboriginal people, persons with a disability, visible minorities, and women. Please send your curriculum vitae and the names of three references to Mark D. Ludman, M.D., FRCPC, FCCMG, Head, Division of Medical Genetics, Department of Pediatrics, Dalhousie University/IWK Health Centre, 5850 University Avenue, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada B3J 3G9; telephone: (902) 470-8754; fax: (902) 470-8709; e-mail: [ludman@dal.ca](mailto:ludman@dal.ca)

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*Clinical Geneticist.*—The Department of Pediatrics at Washington University School of Medicine is recruiting a clinical geneticist to join the faculty in the Division of Medical Genetics. Responsibilities would include participating in both the inpatient consulting service and the outpatient genetics clinics, as well as taking an active role in medical education, including a newly established clinical genetics residency program. Support for independent and collaborative research will also be provided. The Division has an active clinical service, including gen-

eral pediatric, cancer, adult, and metabolic genetics. Currently, the Division has four M.D. geneticists, one M.D. neurologist, one M.D. hematologist, four Ph.D. geneticists, four genetic counselors, and two metabolic dietitians. Comprehensive cytogenetic, DNA diagnostic, and biochemical laboratories are on site. Washington University School of Medicine, ranked as one of the top two medical schools in the United States, is closely affiliated with St. Louis Childrens Hospital and Barnes-Jewish Hospital, serving patients from throughout the eastern Missouri and western Illinois region. Both institutions are part of the nationally acclaimed BJC Health Care system. Faculty appointments and compensation through Washington University will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Washington University offers an excellent benefit package and is an equal opportunity employer. Interested applicants should send a letter of interest and a curriculum vitae to the Divisions clinical director, Rick A. Martin, M.D., Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Medical Genetics, St. Louis Childrens Hospital, One Childrens Place, St. Louis, MO 63110; e-mail: martin\_r@kids.wustl.edu

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*Fellowship Positions.*—Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) offers a 2-year fellowship in clinical molecular genetics, resulting in eligibility for certification in clinical molecular genetics by the American Board of Medical Genetics. The fellowship program, which is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, provides on-site clinical laboratory training in the OHSU DNA Diagnostic Laboratory, under the direction of Dr. Sue Richards. Fellows will develop a clinical molecular research project, complete a formal curriculum of coursework, and participate in genetics conferences, seminars, and clinics. The OHSU DNA Diagnostic Laboratory offers state-of-the-art technologies for clinical molecular analysis, including denaturing high-performance liquid chromatography and sequencing, as well as a strong clinical interface. OHSU offers a strong basic science and clinical environment, and it is located in the enchanting Portland community. For more information, please visit our Web site (<http://www.ohsu.edu/som-genetics/residency/genres.htm>) or contact the OHSU Medical Genetics Training Program: Leslie Lublink, Program Coordinator, 3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Road, MP 350, Portland, OR 97239-3098; telephone: (503) 494-2795; e-mail: [lublinkl@ohsu.edu](mailto:lublinkl@ohsu.edu); or Sue Richards, Ph.D.; telephone: (503) 494-4416; e-mail: [richarsu@ohsu.edu](mailto:richarsu@ohsu.edu). Applications are now being accepted.

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*Tenure-Track Faculty Position.*—The University of Michigan invites applications for a tenure-track faculty

position in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Genetics, at the C.S. Mott Childrens Hospital. We are seeking to expand the Division of Genetics (currently seven faculty and two genetic counselors) by hiring an instructional-track faculty member with an M.D. or M.D./Ph.D., strong experience in a basic or clinical research program in human or molecular genetics, and an outstanding track record of funded research and publications. American Board of Pediatrics certification and American Board of Medical Genetics certification/eligibility in biochemical genetics are required. Additional certification in molecular and/or clinical genetics is desirable. Rank will be commensurate with experience. Responsibilities will include the establishment or continuation of an externally funded, independent research program, codirection of the pediatric biochemical genetics laboratory, and participation in the newborn screening program of the State of Michigan. Interested applicants should send a curriculum vitae, a statement of research plans, and the names of at least three references by February 28, 2004, to Jeffrey W. Innis, M.D., Ph.D., Director, Division of Pediatric Genetics, University of Michigan, TC1924, Box 0318, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0318; telephone: (734) 647-3817; fax: (734) 763-3784; e-mail: [innis@umich.edu](mailto:innis@umich.edu). The University of Michigan Medical Center is an affirmative action employer; women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

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*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.

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*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.

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#### CONFERENCE

*Molecular Biology of Hearing and Deafness Conference.*—A fifth meeting on the applications of molecular biology to the investigation of the auditory system will be held from September 30 to October 3, 2004, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Bethesda, MD. For more information, please visit the conference Web site (<http://cme.ucsd.edu/heardeaf/>) or contact the University of California, San Diego, Office of Continuing Medical Education, La Jolla, CA 92093-0617; telephone: (888) 229-6263 or (858) 534-3940; fax: (858) 534-7672; e-mail: ocme@ucsd.edu