

# Announcements<sup>1</sup>

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

*Postdoctoral Fellowships.*—The University Of California–San Francisco (UCSF) is accepting applications for postdoctoral training in medical genetics. The program is based in the Division of Medical Genetics in the Department of Pediatrics. The aim of the fellowship is to provide research training in medical genetics, to enable graduates of the program to conduct independent research and to assume faculty or professional leadership positions in medical and human genetics. We are especially seeking individuals interested in research in the areas of developmental biology and human malformation syndromes. The UCSF Division of Medical Genetics enjoys an international reputation for excellence in research, education, and genetic service. The faculty includes physicians and basic scientists, all of whom actively participate in the training of postdoctoral fellows. A key feature of the program at UCSF is the tight integration of research and clinical activities, with the maintenance of close contact among trainees with medical and basic science backgrounds. The fellowship is for 1–2 years and is open to those with either an M.D. or a Ph.D. degree. We anticipate two positions being available in 2005 and in 2006. For information and application materials, write to: Anne Slavotinek, M.B.B.S., Ph.D., Medical Genetics, Department of Pediatrics, University of California–San Francisco, 533 Parnassus Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94143-0748; telephone: (415) 514-1783; fax: (415) 476-9976; e-mail: slavotia@peds.ucsf.edu. UCSF is an equal opportunity employer. We strongly encourage women and minority students to apply to our program, which is situated in an academic center and community of extraordinary diversity.

1. Announcements are published free of charge for members of The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG). Please e-mail announcements to [ajhg@emory.edu](mailto: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 1½-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.

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*Director of Education.*—The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) has established a new position of Director of Education to implement programs to address the vision of genetic literacy in the classroom as well as in the general public. The Director will work with the Executive Vice President, under the direction of the officers and the Board, to achieve the goals of ASHG, including making genetics-education programs and materials more accessible to all classrooms. ASHG, the primary professional organization for researchers and clinicians in the field, has a strong commitment to educational goals. The duties of the Director will include (1) providing staffing for the Information and Education Committee, (2) initiating and enhancing partnerships with organizations that focus on teaching science in grades K–12, (3) enhancing capabilities of the Mentor Network of volunteer members, (4) planning professional development programs, and (5) procuring funding to implement programs. The ideal candidate will have an M.S. or a Ph.D. in genetics or a related field and experience in developing educational programs and materials. Requirements include outstanding written and oral communication, grant-writing skills, and demonstrated ability to lead projects. Applicants should send a curriculum vitae, a letter of interest, and the names of three potential references to Joann Boughman either by e-mail, to [jboughman@ashg.org](mailto:jboughman@ashg.org), or by mail, to the following address: Joann Boughman, Ph.D., Executive Vice President, American Society of Human Genetics, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814. Review of applications will begin in March 2005, and the position may start as early as June 1, 2005.

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*Postdoctoral Fellow.*—Applications are invited for a position as a postdoctoral fellow in cancer pharmacogenomics at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. The postdoctoral fellow will direct projects involving the utilization of model systems and human cell lines to identify the molecular determinants of chemotherapy toxicity and/or efficacy (Proc Natl Acad Sci

USA 101:11809–11814). The successful applicant will have a Ph.D. and/or M.D. and will possess solid writing skills and an ability to apply innovative methods to biological questions. Techniques will include genetic linkage mapping, microarray analyses, drug-sensitivity profiling of cell lines, DNA sequencing, etc. Preference will be given to applicants with experience in human genetics and analysis of complex traits. Contact Cara Thomas, Administrative Coordinator, Washington University, Molecular Oncology, 660 S. Euclid, Campus Box 8069, St. Louis, MO 63110; telephone: (314) 747-5186; fax: (314) 362-3764; e-mail: cthomas@im.wustl.edu

*Faculty Position.*—The Department of Human Genetics at Emory University School of Medicine is currently seeking ABMG-eligible-certified M.D. or M.D./Ph.D. physician/scientists for tenure-track appointments at the level of assistant, associate, or full professor. Successful candidates will join a rapidly expanding research program in human genetics and genomics under the leadership of Dr. Steve Warren. We are seeking outstanding individuals who are able to lead a successful research laboratory and to participate in the departments clinical activities. The department has 35 primary faculty members and >\$7,000,000 in federal research funding per year. The department has a fully ACGME-accredited clinical genetics residency program and offers training in all ABMG subspecialties. The successful applicant would devote ~80% of his/her time to the pursuit of an independent, extramurally funded research program and the remainder to patient care and teaching. Any area of contemporary human genetics research is acceptable, with the primary consideration given to excellence and evidence of future research success and innovation. Generous start-up packages and competitive salaries are available. Candidates should send a curriculum vitae, descriptions of research and clinical experience, and future research plans, in electronic form, to facsearch@genetics.emory.edu. Letters of reference will be re-

quested through follow-up correspondence. Emory University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

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#### CELL LINES AND DNA SAMPLES

*Biomaterials from the International HapMap Project.*—Samples from the CEPH population; from Yoruba in Ibadan, Nigeria; from Han Chinese in Beijing; from Japanese in Tokyo; from the Denver (Colorado) Metropolitan Chinese Community; and from Luhya in Webuye, Kenya, are currently available from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) Human Genetic Cell Repository (HGCR) at the Coriell Institute for Medical Research. Additional materials will be available soon. The NIGMS HGCR was established at Coriell Institute for Medical Research in 1972 and contains >9,500 cell lines, including almost 500 OMIM classifications. The cell lines and DNA derived from them can be distributed to all qualified research investigators. The resources are divided into cell lines derived from individuals with inherited diseases, apparently healthy controls, and individuals with diverse ethnic backgrounds. The NIGMS HGCR has prepared the cell lines and DNA for the International HapMap Project. The biomaterials are available in several formats: as panels and 96-well microtiter plates of the DNA samples used by the HapMap Consortium, as individual DNA samples, and as individual lymphoblastoid cell lines. Additional information about the HapMap samples in the NIGMS Repository at Coriell can be found at our Web site (<http://ccr.coriell.org/nigms/products/hapmap.html>). Information about ordering cell lines and panels can be obtained from the Web catalog (<http://locus.umdj.edu/nigms/>). Further information can be obtained from Donald Coppock, Ph.D., Coriell Institute for Medical Research, Coriell Cell Repositories, 403 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ 08103; telephone: (800) 752-3805; e-mail: dcoppock@coriell.org