

Announcements¹

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Head, Division of Medical Genetics.—The Department of Medicine at the University of Washington is recruiting a new head for its Division of Medical Genetics. Appointment to the full-time faculty would be at the rank of associate or full professor, commensurate with qualifications. We seek a physician/scientist who will lead the clinical, teaching, and research activities of the Division; actively participate in its research program; and lead the implementation of an integrated approach to genetic and genomic medicine in the Department and throughout the University. The University has a longstanding and outstanding medical genetics program and has invested substantially in genome sciences. Contact Dr. Alan Chait, Search Committee Chair, University of Washington, Department of Medicine, Box 356426, Seattle, WA 98195-6426. The University of Washington is building a culturally diverse faculty and strongly encourages applications from women and minority candidates. The University of Washington is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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Assistant Professor of Pediatrics (Genetics).—The Section of Genetics, in the Department of Pediatrics, and the Program of Human Genetics at The University of Oklahoma Health Science Center, Oklahoma City, OK, seek a full-time faculty member at the rank of assistant professor. The Section of Genetics, with five physicians, four genetic counselors, and its own cytogenetics and molecular genetics service and research laboratories, conducts original research, provides clinical and clinical

laboratory services for much of Oklahoma, and trains medical students, pediatric and pathology residents, and master's-level students in genetic counseling. The successful candidate will be board-certified in pediatrics and either will have ABMG certifications in clinical genetics and clinical biochemical genetics or will be eligible to sit for the next examinations in both genetics tracks. A high priority in selection will be placed on creativity in laboratory and/or clinical research and potential for independent funding. Generous start-up and protected time. Must have or be eligible for Oklahoma license. Please e-mail a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, a one-page statement of research interest, and the names of three references to John J. Mulvihill (john-mulvihill@ouhsc.edu), Section of Genetics, OU Medical Center—Children's Hospital, 940 NE 13th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73104. The University of Oklahoma is an equal opportunity institution.

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Genetic Statistician/Statistical Geneticist Position.—A tenure-track full-professor position is available in the Division of Genetic and Molecular Epidemiology of the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Case Western Reserve University. Applicants who have demonstrated research productivity in areas associated with the analysis of multifactorial traits are encouraged to apply. The Division moved into a new building just over a year ago and currently has 24 graduate students enrolled. The successful candidate will be expected to have an independent research program, to collaborate with clinicians, and to participate actively in the Division's graduate training program (<http://gepbiwww.cwru.edu/>). Interested applicants should send a statement of career objectives, a curriculum vitae, and the names of three persons from whom letters of recommendation can be obtained to Dr. Robert Elston, Case Western Reserve University, Wolstein Research Building, 2103 Cornell Road, Cleveland, OH 44106-7281; fax: (216) 368-5630; e-mail: rce@darwin.cwru.edu. AA/EOE/M/F/D/V/.

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CONFERENCE

“Obstacles to Translation” Conference.—A conference on “Obstacles to Translation—Overcoming the Barriers between Gene Defect and Molecularly Targeted Therapy of Heritable Skin Disorders” will be held March 1–2, 2006, at the University of California, San Francisco. This conference will address the obstacles that have prevented the translation of the knowledge of the gene defects un-

derlying dozens of heritable skin diseases into useful, effective molecularly targeted therapies. The focus will be on obstacles to identification and production of useful molecules, obstacles to their delivery and immunologic barriers to their use, regulatory obstacles, and financial obstacles. Speakers will be from the academic, FDA, pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and venture capital communities. The organizers are Ervin Epstein, Barbara Gilchrest, and Leonard Milstone. For more information, see the conference Web site (<http://dermatology.medschool.ucsf.edu/obstacles.aspx>) or e-mail epsteine@derm.ucsf.edu