Employment Opportunities

Postdoctoral Fellowships and Graduate Student Research Positions.—Postdoctoral fellowships and graduate student research positions are available through the Interdisciplinary Women's Reproductive Health Research Program (IWRH), which is located in Vancouver, BC, Canada and is jointly funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health and the Child and Family Research Institute (CFRI). The program fosters the development of highly trained, independent researchers who wish to be exposed to an interdisciplinary research program spanning biomedical, clinical, population, and social aspects of reproductive health. Fellows apply to do research under one of the program mentors, who are all are established faculty members at the University of British Columbia (UBC). Research areas include reproductive genetics and epigenetics, placentation, ovarian cancer, endocrine function, clinical trials, perinatal epidemiology, and sociocultural determinants of reproductive mental health. At present, there are eight participating UBC departments with 22 faculty members. For further information, see the IWRH Research Training Program Web page (http://www.iwrh.ca) or contact Dr. Wendy Robinson, CFRI, 950 West 28th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V5Z 4H4, Canada; e-mail: wprobins@interchange.ubc.ca

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Chair, Department of Human Genetics.—The University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public Health is seeking applications and nominations for the position of Professor and Chair of the Department of Human Genetics. The Department of Human Genetics provides training and performs basic research oriented toward identifying genes that contribute to common diseases and understanding the mechanisms by which these genes contribute to disease susceptibility. The department offers master's and doctoral degrees, including an accredited master's degree program in genetics counseling. The Chair will supervise the department and will provide continuity with its tradition of excellence in research and in teaching. Responsibilities include faculty development, the oversight and evaluation of departmental research and teaching, management of the departmental budget, participation in the governance of the school, and maintenance of existing close working relations with other academic components of the University of Pittsburgh. The Chair is expected to pursue his or her own independent research career. Candidates should possess a doctoral degree and a proven record of excellence in research related to population-based human genetics. Preference will be given to applicants who have demonstrated an ability to participate in and foster dynamic multidisciplinary collaborative interactions aimed at the understanding and prevention of disease and the maintenance of health. Preference also will be given to applicants with demonstrated academic and administrative leadership skills. An excellent package of support is available. Applications should include a curriculum vitae, a letter of interest outlining particular areas of interest to the candidate and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five references. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Nominations, requests for information, and applications should be directed to Bruce R. Pitt, Ph.D., Search Committee Chair, c/o Penny Weiss, Department Environmental and Occupational Health, Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh, Bridgeside Pointe Building, 100 Technology Drive, Room 328, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-3130; e-mail: Recruitment@eoh.pitt.edu. The University of Pittsburgh is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

Postdoctoral Fellow in Molecular Cytogenetics Research.—A position for a postdoctoral research fellow is available immediately in the Cytogenetics Division of the Miami GeneCure Diagnostic Laboratories at the Dr. John T. Macdonald Foundation Center for Medical Genetics, Miller School of Medicine, University of Miami. The current research emphasis is on the applications of the array CGH studies for investigation of complex genomic disorders. The applicant should have a Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D. in human molecular genetics, molecular biology, or a related field, and an interest in molecular cytogenetics research. Our center is accredited by the American Board of Medical Genetics for training in medical genetics and therefore will offer an opportunity for the research fellows to pursue further training in clinical cytogenetics after completing a 2-year research fellowship. 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, Miller School of Medicine, P.O. Box 016820 (D-820), Miami, FL 33101; e-mail: YFan@med.miami.edu. The University of Miami is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Research Associate Position in Genetic Epidemiology.—The Di-

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vision of Genetic Epidemiology of the Medical University of Innsbruck, Austria, seeks to recruit a scientist with experience in genetic epidemiology and statistical genetics. We primarily investigate genetic risk factors for cardiovascular disease, with a focus on intermediate phenotypes, as well as other complex diseases. We are applying methods of linkage analysis and association studies. Future projects will focus on genomewide association studies. It will be the task of the successful applicant to extend or establish the necessary methods. Therefore, experience in bioinformatic methods will be helpful. Since coworkers and collaborative partners have to be consulted, communicative skills and teamwork are required. However, the candidate should be also able to work relatively independently. It is expected that the appointee will write grant applications and scientific articles. For a detailed information on our division and genotyping unit, as well as the deadline for applications, please visit our Web site (http://www.i-med.ac.at/genepi/). Please send any inquiry concerning the position—or your informal application, including a curriculum vitae and a statement of research and analysis experience—as soon as possible to Dr. Florian Kronenberg; e-mail: Florian.Kronenberg@i-med.ac.at

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Cytogenetic Technologists.—Marquette General Health System has immediate openings for a National Credentialing Agency–certified cytogenetic technologist and a senior lead cytogenetic technologist. Ideal candidates will have a B.S. degree in science and considerable work experience in all aspects of cytogenetics analysis of peripheral blood, bone marrow, and amniotic fluid and in FISH techniques. Both positions require experience in cancer and prenatal cytogenetics. Our cytogenetics department will offer a comprehensive test menu, including chromosome/FISH analysis of leukemia/lymphoma, solid tumors, CVS/amniotic fluid, products of conception, and peripheral blood. The senior cytogenetic lead technologist will be expected to help manage the daily operational activities of the lab to facilitate maximum productivity. Minimum qualifications for the senior lead cytogenetic technologist are certification in the field and 3–4 years of cytogenetics experience and FISH experience. Some supervisory experience is preferred. For the cytogenetic technologist position, the minimum qualifications are a B.S. degree, 1–2 years of experience, and certification in the field. Preferred qualifications are 2 years of supervisory/management experience, a background in molecular biology, and 3–5 years of cytogenetics experience. The new cytogenetics laboratory will be developed on the campus of Northern Michigan University. We believe this will provide many unique opportunities for our staff. Technologists will have excellent opportunities to mentor and interact with students in training. These "ground floor" positions will support significant professional growth for ambitious and talented cytogenetic technologists. Marquette General Health System offers a comprehensive benefits package, a competitive wage structure, and opportunities for advancement. Interested candidates may forward a resume and cover letter to Dan DeRosia, Employment Manager of Human Resources of Marquette General Health System; telephone: (906) 225-4935; fax: (906) 225-3098; e-mail: dderosia@mgh.org

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Clinical Biochemical Geneticist.—The Division of Genetics at Children's Hospital Boston is recruiting a clinical biochemical geneticist to direct our large metabolism program, joining three other biochemical geneticists, metabolic nutritionists, a nurse practitioner, genetic counselors, and laboratory personnel specializing in biochemical genetics. The applicant must have an M.D. or M.D./Ph.D. and must be board certified in pediatrics and ABMG certified (or eligible for ABMG certification) in biochemical genetics. The successful candidate will join the faculty of the Harvard Medical School Genetics training program and will have teaching responsibilities for medical genetics residents and clinical fellows subspecializing in biochemical genetics, as well as laboratory fellows in biochemical genetics, cytogenetics, and molecular genetics; genetic counseling students; residents; and medical students. A full-service biochemical genetics laboratory is available on site. Independent research is encouraged. Salary and the level of a faculty appointment at Harvard Medical School will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. A competitive startup package is available. Interested applicants should send a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, and two letters of recommendation to Mira Irons, M.D., Associate Chief, Division of Genetics, Children's Hospital Boston, Fegan 10, 300 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115; e-mail: Mira.irons@childrens.harvard.edu

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Clinical Geneticist.—The Division of Genetics at Children's Hospital Boston is recruiting a clinical geneticist to provide care in our outpatient genetics clinics at the main hospital and local satellite sites, as well as to provide inpatient genetics consultations at Children's Hospital, joining eight clinical geneticists, four genetic counselors, three biochemical geneticists, metabolic nutritionists, and a nurse practitioner in our genetics and metabolism programs. Applicants must have an M.D. or M.D./Ph.D. and must be board-certified in pediatrics and ABMG-certified (or eligible for ABMG certification) in clinical genetics. The successful candidate will join the faculty of the Harvard Medical School Genetics training program and will have teaching responsibilities for medical genetics residents and clinical fellows subspecializing in biochemical genetics, as well as laboratory fellows in biochemical genetics, cytogenetics, and molecular genetics; genetic counseling students; residents; and medical students. Salary and the level of a faculty appointment at Harvard Medical School will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Interested applicants should send a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, and two letters of recommendation to Mira Irons, M.D., Associate Chief, Division of Genetics, Children's Hospital Boston, Fegan 10, 300 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115; e-mail: Mira.irons@childrens.harvard.edu

Meetings

12th and 13th Annual International Scientific Meetings of the Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome Educational Foundation.—The Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome Educational Foundation, Inc., will be holding two annual meetings this year, the first in Strasbourg, France, July 7–9, 2006, and the second in Brisbane, Australia, November 2–4, 2006. The Strasbourg meeting will be cosponsored and hosted by Génération22. The international and interdisciplinary faculty at the meeting in Strasbourg includes eminent researchers and clinicians from France, Belgium, Great Britain, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Switzerland, and the United States and will cover the latest research in molecular genetics, psychiatric illness, speech and feeding disorders, surgical outcomes, neural imaging, development, and education, among other topics. The official languages of the meeting will be English and French, with simultaneous translation of all presentations. The registration fee is €35 ($42 U.S.) per person. Additional information is available at the Educational Foundation's Web site (http://www.vcfsef.org). Additional information may also be obtained from the Génération22 Web site (http://www.generation22.asso.fr). The Brisbane meeting will be cosponsored and hosted by The VCFS Foundation (Qld), Inc. The international and interdisciplinary faculty at the meeting in Brisbane is being assembled and will include eminent researchers and clinicians covering the latest research in genetics and genomics, speech and feeding disorders, surgical outcomes, psychiatric illness, neural imaging, development, and education, among other topics. Details will follow in the coming months and will be available at the Web sites of the Educational Foundation (http://www.vcfsef.org) and The VCFS Foundation (Qld), Inc. (http://www.vcfs.com.au). The meetings are open to all professionals and laypeople with an interest in the disorder. The Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome Educational Foundation, Inc., is an international alliance of professionals and laypeople whose mission is to spread information about VCFS (also known as "DiGeorge syndrome" and "deletion 22q11 syndrome") and to advocate for people with the disorder. The annual meetings of the Educational Foundation have reached >3,000 professionals and laypeople since the first meeting in 1995.

Symposia

WORLD (We're Organizing Research on Lysosomal Diseases) Symposium 2006.—The 3rd annual conference will be presented by the Lysosomal Disease Network in partnership with Dr. Chet Whitley, a professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota, on December 7–9, 2006, at Disney's Contemporary Resort in Orlando, FL. The goal of the annual symposium is to provide an interdisciplinary forum to explore and discuss specific areas of interest related to lysosomal diseases. The symposium is appropriate for clinicians, geneticists and genetic counselors, neurologists and neuropsychologists, researchers, nurses, and other health care professionals, as well as patients and families, patient/family support organizations, and industry professionals. Disease focuses will include mucopolysaccharidosis, mucolipidosis, oligosaccharidosis, Fabry disease, Batten disease, Gaucher disease, Pompe disease, and sphingolipidoses. The deadline for abstracts is July 1, 2006; for abstract submission, use the Lysosomal Disease Network Web site (http://www.lysosomaldiseasenetwork.org). To register, visit the University of Minnesota's Continuing Medical Education Web site (http://www.cme.umn.edu), click "Course Calendar," and scroll to "WORLD Symposium," or else contact the University of Minnesota by telephone, at (612) 626-7600 or (800) 776-8636. To make hotel reservations, call (407) 824-3869, and be sure to mention the WORLD symposium to receive a discounted room rate. For more information, contact the Office of Continuing Medical Education at the URL or telephone numbers above or by e-mail (cmereg@umn.edu). A complete brochure with a detailed agenda will be available this summer. The University of Minnesota is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education to physicians.