ANNOUNCEMENTS[1]

Employment Opportunities

Faculty Positions.—The Division of Human Genetics in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Medicine seeks candidates for several positions as assistant, associate, and/or full professors in the tenure track. Rank will be commensurate with experience. Each applicant must have an M.D./Ph.D. degree; must demonstrate excellent qualifications in education, research, and clinical care; and must be board certified in pediatrics. For one of these positions, we are seeking a candidate with extensive expertise in studies of complex human genetic disorders. The successful candidate will have both clinical and research responsibilities. This position will also direct a new genomic center at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and will oversee all genotyping projects and data analysis performed at the center. The director will supervise ~20-30 technical staff and faculty members and will manage multiple collaborations. Attractive laboratory space in a new research building and additional resources are available. For another position, we are seeking a candidate who has a Ph.D. in molecular genetics and >5 years of expertise in studies of complex human genetics disorders. This individual will serve as an associate director of the new genomic center. The candidate must exhibit proficiency with information systems used within the department and must have outstanding communication, technical, and organizational skills and the ability to handle and interpret complex data sets. This position also includes supervision of technical and analytical staff and management of collaborative research projects. The University of Pennsylvania is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Women and minority candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. Please submit a curriculum vitae, a cover letter, and three reference letters to Beverly Emanuel, Ph.D., Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Chief, Division of Human Genetics and Molecular Biology, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Room 1002, Abramson Research Building, 3615 Civic Center Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19104; e-mail: harveyr@email.chop.edu

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Genetic Counselor.—There is an exciting opportunity for a genetic counselor to join the genetics program at the Miami Institute for Human Genomics at the University of Miami's Miller School Of Medicine. Primary responsibilities will include (1) providing genetic education, counseling, and psychological support to families who have members with birth defects, genetic disorders, or positive newborn screening results or who may be at risk for a variety of inherited conditions; (2) taking part in marketing and teaching medical genetics; and (3) managing the clinical and research activities of the Victor Center at the University of Miami. This last responsibility will include coordinating newly funded research to promote awareness of and screening for diseases common in the Ashkenazi Jewish population. As part of this, the counselor will develop and implement an educational/public-awareness program for southern Florida about Ashkenazi Jewish screening, will provide pre- and post-test genetic counseling to individuals participating in screening fairs, and will assist with publications and annual grant reports. A master's degree in genetic counseling is required. Also desired are >2 years of experience as a genetic counselor and experience and interest in research. Candidates must be either board certified or board eligible, must have excellent communication and writing skills, and must be able to work independently and with a team in a fast-paced environment. Any appropriate combination of relevant education, experience, and/or certifications will be considered. Submit your curriculum vitae by e-mail (MIHGJOBS@med.miami.edu), and please also apply online (https://careers.med.miami.edu) for position #033145. The University of Miami is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Postdoctoral Fellow.—A position as a postdoctoral fellow conducting studies in human genetics is available immediately at the Division of Molecular Genetics in Columbia University's Department of Pediatrics. Candidates should have experience performing human genetics studies, such as linkage and association studies, and in molecular genetics techniques, such as PCR, genotyping, sequencing, purification of DNA, purification of RNA, real-time PCR, northern blots, western blots, and radioimmunoassays. Applicants should have good communication skills; should be organized, meticulous, and able to maintain good records; and should be able to work independently. Applicant should have basic computer skills and experience with use of online genomic databases. Applicants should send a curriculum vitae, a statement of interest, and contact information for three references to Dr. Wendy Chung, Division of Molecular Genetics, Columbia University, 1150 St. Nicholas Avenue, Room 620, New York, NY 10032; e-mail js74@columbia.edu. Colum-

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Postdoctoral Fellowships and Research Associate Positions in Genetic Epidemiology.—Several National Institutes of Health (NIH)–funded postdoctoral fellowships (for United States citizens and persons lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence) and research associate positions (for all qualified applicants) are currently available at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH, in the areas of statistical genetic analysis and genetic epidemiology, specifically on NIH-funded projects searching for genes affecting hypertension, cardiovascular disease, and pulmonary disease. This will involve conducting collaborative research with faculty—statistical methodological research (e.g., development of new methods for association studies) and/or substantive research done by means of data analysis. In the latter case, there will be strong interaction with established research workers in the areas of application. The ideal candidate should have a Ph.D. in statistics/statistical genetics or genetic epidemiology, but there will be the opportunity to attend specialized courses for further training in this area. Knowledge of computer programming using C, SAS, Splus/R, and genetic analysis software is highly desirable. Eligible persons are invited to apply in writing to Dr. Robert Elston (rce@darwin.case.edu), giving full details of training so far, specific areas of research interest, and the names of three persons from whom letters of reference can be requested.

Call for Patients

2q37 Deletion Syndrome and Albright Hereditary Osteodystrophy-Like Syndrome.—We are recruiting patients to participate in an institutional review board-approved study, entitled "Molecular Delineation of the 2q37 Deletion Syndrome," through Dr. Micheala Aldred's lab in the Genomic Medicine Institute at the Cleveland Clinic. Patients are eligible for enrollment with (1) a diagnosed 2q37 deletion or a translocation involving this chromosomal region or (2) a clinical diagnosis of 2q37 deletion syndrome or Albright Hereditary Osteodystrophy in the absence of GNAS mutations and pseudohypoparathyroidism. Participants will be asked to give a blood or DNA sample, copies of medical records, and family history information. For more information, please contact Emily Edelman by telephone (216-444-8088) or e-mail (edelmae@ccf.org) or visit our Web site (http://www.lerner.ccf.org/gmi/research.php#b2q37).

Meeting

Society of Craniofacial Genetics Annual Meeting and Symposium.—The Society of Craniofacial Genetics will hold its 30th Annual Meeting and Symposium in conjunction with the American Society of Human Genetics Meeting in San Diego, CA, on Tuesday, October 23, 2007, from 12 noon until 5:00 P.M. Details of the meeting and membership application can be obtained from the Society's Web site (http://craniofacialgenetics.org/).

Fellowship

Fellowship in Medical Genetics & Pediatric Endocrinology.—The Heritable Disorders Branch of the National Institute of Child Health & Human Development (NICHD) is sponsoring a combined medical genetics and pediatric endocrinology fellowship that will lead to certification by both the American Board of Medical Genetics and the American Board of Pediatrics Sub-Board on Pediatric Endocrinology after 5–6 years of training (and approval by each Board). Clinical training will take place in the context of the ACGME-approved Pediatric Endocrinology and Medical Genetics fellowship programs of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and will be sponsored by the NICHD and the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI). Graduates of a pediatrics or combined pediatrics/internal medicine ACGME-approved residency program in the United States who are either citizens or legal residents (green-card holders) of this country are eligible. We encourage applicants with previous Ph.D. training or graduates of an M.D./Ph.D. program to apply for this unique fellowship, which aims at bridging these two very relevant subspecialties of pediatric medicine: genetics and endocrinology. This is an exciting opportunity for a physician-scientist in training who wants to take advantage of the exciting opportunities offered by the NIH Clinical Center, the hundreds of state-of-the-art research laboratories on the NIH campus, and the commitment of NIH leadership in training initiatives on translational research. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, and the names of at least three references to Constantine A. Stratakis, M.D., D.Med.Sci., Chief, Heritable Disorders Branch, NICHD, NIH, and Director, Pediatric Endocrinology Training Program, NICHD, NIH, 10 Center Drive, Building 10, Room 9D42, MSC 1830, Bethesda, MD 20892; telephone: (301) 496-6683; fax: (301) 480-0378; e-mail: stratakc@mail.nih.gov. For more information, see the Fellowship's Web site (http://www.pediatricendocrinology.nichd.nih.gov/index.html) or call Janet Krasnican at (301) 496-6683.

Conference

Prenatal Diagnosis Ultrasound Conference.—Sharp HealthCare, in collaboration with San Diego Perinatal Center, invites you to attend its 7th annual Prenatal Diagnosis Ultrasound Conference—an educational event for obstetricians, primary care physicians, nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, radiologists, sonographers, geneticists, and other health professionals interested in learning more about prenatal diagnosis. The conference will focus on a variety of topics, including genetic screening, first-trimester sonography, genetic ultrasound, and basic sonography for nurses. The conference will be held at the Hilton San Diego Resort at 1775 East Mission Bay Drive in San Diego on Friday, October 19 (7:00 A.M.–5:15 P.M.) and Saturday, October 20 (7:00 A.M.–3:30 P.M.), 2007. The conference chairs are Allan Bombard, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Sharp Mary Birch Hospital for Women, and Val Catanzarite, M.D., Ph.D., San Diego Perinatal Center. Guest faculty will include Zeev Weiner, M.D., Director of Maternal Fetal Medicine, Rambam Medical Center; Shraga Rottem, M.D., Director, Ironfan; Allan Fisher, M.D., Director of Maternal Fetal Medicine, Morristown Memorial Hospital; and Glenn Palomaki, M.D., Associate Director, Women and Infants Hospital of Rhode Island. On Saturday, participants may choose either hands-on scanning or the Fetal Medicine Foundation's Nuchal Translucency (NT) accreditation course. The hands-on scanning will consist of six 1-hour sessions containing eight modules, each not to exceed four people. Priority for the hands-on scanning will be given to those attending the Friday Didactic session. Fees will be as follows. Friday didactic: physicians $395, nonphysicians $295 (active-duty military discounted $50); Saturday NT accreditation: physicians $350, nonphysicians $350; and Saturday hands-on $75 per session. Register today by calling (800) 82-SHARP (1-800-827-4277). To reserve a standard hotel room at the attendee rate of $209 per night, call the hotel at (619) 275-8000 by September 18, 2007, and mention that you are with the Sharp HealthCare Conference on Prenatal Diagnosis. For more information, visit the Sharp Healthcare Web site (http://www.sharp.com) and search for "prenatal diagnosis."