ANNOUNCEMENTS[1]

Employment Opportunities

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.

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Statistical Genetics.—The Asthma Genetics Laboratory (AGL) at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), is inviting applications for postdoctoral fellows to participate in projects aimed at understanding the genetic basis of complex diseases in racially admixed populations. The AGL is a member of UCSF's Institute for Human Genetics and has a highly interactive and multidisciplinary team of physician-scientists, genetic epidemiologists, statisticians, geneticists, and molecular biologists. The research environment is enhanced by large, family-based and population-based sample sets of well phenotyped, racially diverse individuals and strong national and international collaborative ties. The successful candidate will participate in development of statistical methods, study design, and data analysis for genomewide association studies, studies of population stratification, and investigations of admixture mapping for complex diseases. A suitable candidate will hold a Ph.D. in a quantitative science (statistics, biostatistics, computer science, or mathematics) or epidemiology and should have strong theoretical, analytical, and computational skills. A background in genetic epidemiology and statistical genetics would be beneficial. An ability to work collaboratively and good communication skills are required. Applicants should email a curriculum vitae and a letter of application and should arrange for three or more letters of reference to be sent to Dr. Esteban Gonzalez Burchard, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Asthma Genetics Laboratory and UCSF DNA Bank (esteban@sfgh.ucsf.edu). UCSF is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

Program Director, Genetic Counseling.—The Division of Human Genetics at the University of California, Irvine (UCI), is conducting a search for a program director, who will be responsible for the continuing development and supervision of our innovative accredited graduate program in genetic counseling. The Division serves the genetic counseling needs of our diverse community, and the graduate program dynamically interacts with other units within the University, such as the UCI Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, and the programs in nursing science, public health, and pharmaceutical science. It is required that the director be board certified in genetic counseling. The successful applicant should have 10 years experience as a practicing genetic counselor, as well as a significant background in teaching, research, and/or administration. UCI offers a competitive salary and excellent benefits and pension plans, as well as an ideal location in southern California, close to beaches and mountains. UCI is an equal opportunity employer. For further information, please contact Virginia Kimonis, M.D., Chief, Division of Genetics and Metabolism Department of Pediatrics, UCI Medical Center, 101 The City Drive South, ZC4482, Orange, CA 92868; telephone: (714) 456-5791, direct: (714) 456-2942; fax: (714) 456-5330; e-mail: vkimonis@uci.edu. Also, administrative assistant Sara Davis-Eisenman can be reached by telephone at (714) 456-6612.

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 Syn-

1. Announcements are published free of charge for members of The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG). Please e-mail announcements to ajhg@ajhg.net. 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 $1\frac{1}{2}$-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.

drome," 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."