

## **EXCITING NEW PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE INTRAMURAL PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL HUMAN GENOME RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

The National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) is pleased to announce the inauguration of its new Physician Scientist Development Program (PSDP) in Genomic and Genetic Medicine, located on the National Institutes of Health (NIH) intramural campus in Bethesda, Maryland. The PSDP is designed for board-eligible/certified physicians who seek additional training to develop an independent research program that integrates the field of genomics with clinical genetic medicine. The participants will have substantial protected time to develop an integrated, clinical–basic science research program that could then serve as the basis for an independent research career. It is the goal of the program to train investigators who will be competitive for faculty positions at the NHGRI, other NIH institutes, or other top medical research institutions.

The program will provide support to design, implement, and pursue a research program. The project will be developed with the guidance of a mentor in the intramural research program. With the assistance of the mentor, the incumbent will design a project that integrates the direct study and/or treatment of human subjects with a bench research laboratory project. The mentor will advise and guide the incumbent in the selection of the project, the study design, patient recruitment and analysis, bench research analysis, and all other aspects of the training. The program will provide for competitive salary support, laboratory space and supplies, clinical research budget, and a research technician. The support is renewable annually for up to 5 years.

The program is open to physicians who are board-certified or eligible in any appropriate specialty and have completed their training within the past 5 years. Applicants are not required to have substantial basic research experience but must demonstrate an aptitude for, and commitment to, research. Interested applicants are encouraged to visit the PSDP web

page, which will provide additional information. Alternatively, interested persons may send a curriculum vita and a brief (one page) letter of interest to the program director. Initial applications are due November 1, 2002, for participants who wish to start July 1, 2003.

<http://www.genome.gov/page.cfm?pageID=10002060>

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## **POSITION AVAILABLE**

**Genetic counselor/study coordinator:** The Developmental Genome Anatomy Project (DGAP) is seeking an articulate and motivated individual to fill immediate opening for a full-time study coordinator. DGAP is a gene discovery project with international outreach involving patients with apparently balanced chromosomal rearrangements and multiple congenital anomalies. Goals of DGAP include rapid mapping of chromosomal breakpoints, positional cloning of genes interrupted or dysregulated at the breakpoints, and validation of genes identified in specific anomalies through the creation of animal models. Join research team at Harvard to coordinate project, contacting physicians and patients, enrolling participants, interfacing with IRB, and managing clinical data. Requires strong communication skills and ability to work independently. For more information, visit our web site at <http://dgap.harvard.edu>. If interested please send resume to Heather Ferguson, MS, CGC, Harvard-Partners Center for Genetics & Genomics, HIM Building, Suite 640, 77 Avenue Louis Pasteur, Boston, MA 02115, fax: 617-525-5757, e-mail: [hferguson1@partners.org](mailto:hferguson1@partners.org), phone: 617-525-5769.