

ACMGF/Genzyme 2007-2008 Biochemical Fellowship

The ACMG Foundation is pleased to announce the “Genzyme Clinical Genetics Fellowship in Biochemical Genetics” Award Program again for 2007-2008. The purposes of the program is to advance education, research and standards of practice in medical genetics; develop and expand clinical and laboratory expertise in medical genetics in the United States; initiate and develop a broad-based infrastructure for industry funding of high quality projects in the fields of medical genetics. Below is information on the Fellowships.

Background Newborn screening programs are rapidly expanding in the United States. However, there is a deficit of physicians specifically trained in the diagnosis, management and treatment of individuals with the metabolic diseases identified in the programs. It is expected that these programs will continue to expand as more conditions such as the lysosomal storage diseases are added into newborn screening. Clinical Geneticists, of whom there is a subset who focus on biochemical genetic disorders, are often the physicians involved in the coordination of care of these patients. The ability of medical genetics to adapt to the evolution of therapeutic approaches to genetic diseases will be critical to its sustained success. Genzyme/ACMGF seeks to support a robust national fellowship program to promote and encourage the recruitment and training of clinicians for this purpose. To provide an in-depth clinical experience at a premier medical center with expertise and significant clinical volume in the area of biochemical genetics, including lysosomal storage diseases, as well as in therapeutics and clinical trials involving patients with these and other metabolic diseases and, thereby, to increase the number of medical geneticists with interest, knowledge, and expertise in this field.

Award Program The Award Program is designed to support the sustainable development of clinically interested and qualified Clinical Geneticists with expertise in biochemical genetics. Each trainee-applicant and his/her sponsoring institution will submit a joint application to the ACMGF committee for the sponsorship of the trainee through the Award Program to focus the trainee-applicant’s first year of fellowship following his/her residency in a genetics fellowship on biochemical genetic diseases.

Activities Fellowship activities of the Awardee will focus on significant clinical care of patients with biochemical genetic disorders. The Awardee will design a research project to be conducted over the course of the Fellowship Year, which will be clinical in nature, and may relate to any area of current or future therapy for metabolic diseases. This Research Project may include work with registries, clinical trials, investigator initiated work, or other areas of clinical investigation. The ACMGF will provide a platform for the presentation of the Awardee’s work at the appropriate time in the Fellowship Year.

Award Process Trainee-applicants and institution-applicants will submit their joint applications at the beginning of the trainee-applicant’s second year of residency, with selection occurring in the fall, notification of the Awardee in late December, and announcement of the Awardee at the ACMG Annual meeting which will be held in March. The Fellowship Year will commence on July 1st.

For application and criteria information, please visit www.acmg.net

New Dates: 2007 Genetics Review Course

**June 8-10, 2007
Georgia Tech Hotel & Conference Center
Atlanta, Georgia**

Look for information on acmg.net this winter!

ACMGF/Tm Bioscience Award Request for Applications

Tm Bioscience and the American College of Medical Genetics Foundation (ACMGF) have entered into an agreement to make an award(s) to an ACMG member(s) to undertake activities aimed at promoting safe and effective genetic testing and services. The award will support one applicant for \$100,000 for one year beginning on or before September 1, 2007 and is aimed at promoting the safe and effective integration of genetic testing and services into health care such as the development of research guidelines.

Purpose of the Request for Applications

Medical geneticists should play a crucial role in translating genetic science into medical genetic services and in defining and promoting the integration of genetics into health care. This program will provide awards to medical genetics professionals to assist them in undertaking activities aimed at promoting safe and effective genetic testing and services.

Project Topics

Project topics may include, but shall not be limited to:

- a. Medical genetics research
- b. Research on healthcare economics related to medical genetics
- c. Medical education and training in medical genetics
- d. Development of medical genetics standards and guidelines

Award Deadline/Notification

For application information, visit www.acmg.net to download an application. Applications are due to ACMGF headquarters by December 1, 2006. The award recipient(s) will be announced during the 2006 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting, March 21-25, 2007 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Call for Pediatric Genomics Papers

The Journal of Pediatric Psychology (JPP) is planning to publish a special series of papers dedicated to psychological aspects of pediatric genomics--the study of how genes interact with each other and with the environment to affect child health throughout the lifespan. JPP is the scientific publication of the Society of Pediatric Psychology and publishes multidisciplinary articles related to theory, research, and professional practice in pediatric healthcare (<http://jpepsy.oxfordjournals.org>). Please contact the Guest Editor with ideas or questions about potential submissions. Interested authors may electronically submit a 500 word (max) structured abstract (abstract title, authors, institutional affiliation[s] of all authors, objective, methods, results, conclusions) of their original work prior to May 1, 2007.

Next ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting



March 22-25, 2007
Renaissance Nashville Hotel & Nashville Convention Center
Nashville, Tennessee

COMING SOON: the ACMG Career Center!



<http://careers.acmg.net>

Your career success begins right here!

Many job seekers and employers have discovered the advantages of searching online for the best jobs and for the most qualified candidates to fill them. But when it comes to finding qualified professionals in the field of medical genetics, the mass-market approach of the mega job boards may not be the best way to find what you're looking for. In **November 2006**, the American College of Medical Genetics will launch their new, online job service, the **ACMG Career Center** to give employers and job seeking professionals a better way to find one another and make that perfect career fit.

Look for the ACMG Career Center, coming this November at <http://careers.acmg.net>.

Employer Benefits:

- Targeted Advertising Exposure – reach a focused audience of industry professionals
- Easy Online Job Listing Management
- Resume Search Included with Job Posting
- Automatic Email Notification whenever job seekers match YOUR criteria
- Build Company Awareness – list company information and link to your web site
- Competitive Pricing – package and high-member discounts available

Job Seeker Benefits:

- Services are FREE!
- Job Search and Application
- Resume Posting with Confidentiality Option
- Save Jobs – apply when ready
- Automatic Email Notification whenever posted jobs match YOUR specific criteria.



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