FACULTY POSITION IN THE DISCIPLINE OF GENETICS
VPA # MEDI-2014-007

The Discipline of Genetics within the Faculty of Medicine, Memorial University is inviting applications for a tenure track position at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor in Human Genetics. The successful applicant will primarily have research interests and expertise in the area of characterizing the genetic components of either Mendelian or complex diseases, or both. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Position is subject to budgetary approval.

The successful candidate is expected to lead his/her own original, externally funded research program in molecular genetics/genomics as it relates to human health sciences, and will have a track record of productivity and innovation in alignment with career stage. He/she will have the potential to attract excellent graduate and postgraduate trainees in order to mentor future researchers in this field. The successful candidate is also expected to teach at the undergraduate and graduate level within the Faculty of Medicine and to participate in academic service activities, especially in relation to knowledge translation activities. Experience working with multidisciplinary teams would be an asset.

Newfoundland and Labrador presents a unique opportunity for research into the molecular etiology of disease within the context of a genetically isolated population with excellent clinical resources and a proven track record of successful gene discoveries of international significance. Areas of current research strength include inherited cancers, eye diseases, hearing loss, cardiomyopathies and osteoarthritis. Ideally, the interests of the applicants will complement the areas of current strength; although, this is not a requirement.

Applicants must have a PhD in genetics/genomics or a related field, with a minimum of 3-5 years of post-doctoral research training and a record of research excellence.

The application package should include a cover letter highlighting qualifications and interests related to this position, curriculum vitae, names and contact details of three references and one sample of scholarly writing on a relevant topic. A statement of research goals should also be included.

Applications should be electronically submitted to: Dr. Cathy Vardy, Academic Head, c/o Deborah Quinlan, dquinlan@mun.ca. Please state reference number MEDI-2014-007 in your application package.

The closing date for applications is December 20th, 2014. The appointment is expected to commence Summer/Fall 2015.

The Discipline of Genetics is a basic sciences and clinical academic unit and has a Mission Statement of improving the health of individuals, families and communities through genetic discovery and education. The Discipline has eight core faculty as well as joint/cross appointees within the Disciplines of Medicine and Laboratory Medicine, the Division of Biomedical Sciences and the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. By the end of 2014, the Discipline of Genetics and the Clinical Epidemiology Unit will be housed in the Faculty of Medicine’s newly
constructed Craig L. Dobbin Research Centre, a unique multidisciplinary setting which will facilitate rapid progress in genetic, genomic and clinical epidemiological research across the province. The Centre will also be a home for patient oriented and applied health research.

Memorial University is the largest university in Atlantic Canada. As the province’s only university, Memorial plays an integral role in the education and cultural life of Newfoundland and Labrador. Offering diverse undergraduate and graduate programs to almost 18,000 students, Memorial provides a distinctive and stimulating environment for learning. St. John’s is a safe, friendly city with great historic charm, a vibrant cultural life, and easy access to a wide range of outdoor activities.

Memorial University is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from qualified women and men, visible minorities, aboriginal people, and persons with disabilities. *All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.*

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