

Job Title: Postdoctoral Researcher - Research on Adeno-Associated Virus (AAV) Vector Biology and Capsid Engineering for Gene Therapy for Human Diseases Including Type I Diabetes

Job Description:

The Department of Molecular & Medical Genetics at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) in Portland, Oregon, is seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic post-doctoral fellow to study adeno-associated virus (AAV) and its application for human gene therapy in the lab led by Professor Hiroyuki Nakai, M.D., Ph.D. Specifically, the lab is looking for a post-doctoral researcher who can lead productively several projects including a multi-PI (MPI) NIH project " U01DK123608 (MPIs: Nakai, Grompe and Kay): Gene Therapy for Diabetes, " where we seek to develop clinically relevant novel AAV vectors and methods for in vivo regeneration of insulin-secreting beta cells in rhesus macaques and profoundly understand the mechanisms behind the technologies. The main research focuses of the Nakai lab are: (1) AAV vector biology - capsid assembly, genome packaging, and virus-host interactions in rodents and non-human primates; (2) AAV antigen-antibody interactions; (3) developing novel vectors by engineering of AAV capsids; and (4) preclinical studies of gene therapy for the treatment of various human diseases including type I diabetes. The lab takes a multidisciplinary approach to solving these problems, utilizing both wet and dry lab techniques. The lab is a part of the Human Islet Research Network (HIRN) supported by the NIH NIDDK. The successful candidate will join a multidisciplinary collaborative team and participate in global collaboration in the HIRN community, with an ultimate goal to develop AAV gene therapy for type I diabetes. The successful candidate will also contribute to the training of graduate, undergraduate, and high school students, as well as research staff.

Salary Range:

OHSU sets the salary scale following the current NIH Kirschstein-NRSA stipend levels.

How to apply:

Please send a cover letter and C.V. to

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