Postdoctoral Scholar, Statistical Genetics

Applications are sought for a full-time Postdoctoral position. The successful candidate will work as part of an interdisciplinary research team led by Dr. Daniel Benjamin in the Department of Human Genetics at the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine. The focus of Dr. Benjamin’s lab is social-science genomics: the identification of genetic variation that is associated with variation in behavior and other social-science-relevant phenotypes. The Postdoc will play a major role in the Polygenic Index Repository, creating optimal genetic predictors for a range of behavioral traits. For examples of related past research, see the “Genoeconomics” tab at https://www.danieljbenjamin.com/publications.

This position requires a Ph.D. in genetics, computational biology, biostatistics or closely related field. Successful candidates for this position will have demonstrated research excellence, as evidenced through their publication record. Additionally, they will have excellent analytical skills, strong written and oral communication skills, significant knowledge of a specialized area of research, experience working on externally funded grants, the ability to lead projects and proposals and work as a member of multi-disciplinary teams, and a commitment to understanding the genetics of behavioral phenotypes.

Basic Qualifications
• PhD in genetics, computational biology, biostatistics, or related field.

Additional Qualifications
• Demonstrated research skills, preferably in the form of peer reviewed publications.
• Demonstrated success initiating and leading research projects.

To Apply
Please submit the following documents, as a single pdf document, to benjaminrecruit@gmail.com, with the subject line of ‘Postdoc applicant, Statistical Genetics:
(1) A cover letter
(2) your resume
(3) a transcript (can be unofficial), and
(4) a paper you’ve written for a course, a research paper, or other writing sample.

We especially encourage women and those from backgrounds underrepresented in STEM fields to apply to our lab.

Start date: Summer 2022 (flexible).

Duration: The initial appointment shall be for a duration of one (1) year.

The position will remain open until it is filled.