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*The Institute for Molecular Medicine Finland (FIMM, [www.fimm.fi](http://www.fimm.fi)) was established in 2007 as an international research institution, characterized by its partnership with the European Molecular Biology Laboratory ([www.embl.org](http://www.embl.org)) along with Nordic nodes for molecular medicine in Norway and Sweden. At the national level, FIMM is a unique joint venture of the University of Helsinki, the Hospital District of Helsinki and Uusimaa (HUS), the National Public Health Institute (KTL) and VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland. FIMM headquarters are located in a brand new state-of-the-art Biomedicum Helsinki 2 research building on the Meilahti medical campus in Helsinki.*

*The research areas of FIMM include: 1) Human Genetics 2) Medical systems biology of common diseases, with a focus on cancer and obesity, 3) Translational research, including health impact of genes, new diagnostic methods, biomarkers and therapeutics. FIMM also develops infrastructures for biobanking, medical bioinformatics, high-throughput genotyping/sequencing, high-throughput RNAi & compound screening, and participates in the development of translational research platforms, including participation in the EU's ESFRI programs BBMRI and EATRIS.*

We are seeking outstanding candidates as a

## **Research Director of the FIMM Genome and Technology Center**

for a five-year period starting January 1, 2009.

The Research Director is expected to be responsible for the operation and enhancement of a national infrastructure, the existing Finnish Genome Center, with a staff of about 20 people, who are currently active in high-throughput genotyping, sequencing and associated bioinformatics. We value candidates with strong leadership skills and visions. The Research Director should lead the development and expansion of the Genome Center towards new and related fields and novel technological possibilities in the ongoing transition towards the post-genome era.

The Research Director will have the possibility to carry out his/her own research as part of the FIMM research profile, and will have access to the facilities and research contacts of the outstanding environment of the Biomedicum Helsinki ([www.biomedicum.fi](http://www.biomedicum.fi)). We offer an exciting working environment at the senior faculty level in a new international institute with state-of-the-art infrastructure as part of the Nordic EMBL Partnership for Molecular Medicine. We offer a recruitment package and will support the launch of the Research Director's own research efforts.

We are seeking candidates with an excellent track record in high-profile publications, and an active research interest in human genetics/genomics, functional genomics, bioinformatics or medical systems biology. In particular, we value candidates with experience in leading major research programs, technology infrastructures or large-scale academic or commercial research services, with significant international contacts and a track record in raising research funding. The Research Director should



be familiar with recent trends in high-throughput genotyping, sequencing, biobanking, bioinformatics and translational research and have an interest in technology development.

The Research Director will work closely with the Director of FIMM in developing the research profile and the national and international role of FIMM. The working language of the institute is English, so excellent communication skills in English are required. The salary will be commensurate with qualifications based on the University salary system.

Applications should include a covering letter summarizing the applicant's career and future plans (1 page), CV and a list of publications (past 10 years only, with 10 most significant publications indicated). Names of three references should be included. We also request an outline for the vision of new technology development and research service operations for a national center, as well as a short personal research plan (each max 2 pages). Please note that expected translational, medical or public health impact will be important.

Applications should be addressed to the Board of FIMM and sent electronically to the Institute for Molecular Medicine Finland (FIMM) at [fimm-email@helsinki.fi](mailto:fimm-email@helsinki.fi) to arrive no later than **September 5, 2008, at 3.45 p.m.** (at 1.45 p.m. GMT).

The top candidates will be invited to visit Helsinki in the autumn of 2008 for discussions, and to provide more detailed plans as well as letters of reference. An international panel will evaluate the candidates and the applications.

For further information please contact Director, Professor Olli Kallioniemi ([olli.kallioniemi AT helsinki.fi](mailto:olli.kallioniemi@helsinki.fi)).

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