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**ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine Announces Two 2013-2014
ACMG Foundation/Genzyme Biochemical Genetics
Fellowships Now Available – Deadline August 15, 2012**

BETHESDA, MD – August 7, 2012 | The ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine announced that applications for the prestigious ACMG Foundation/Genzyme Clinical Genetics Fellowship in Biochemical Genetics award Program are now being accepted. For 2013-2014, two awardees will be given the opportunity to participate in an in-depth clinical experience at a premier medical center with expertise and significant clinical volume in the area of biochemical genetics. The Fellowship comes with a \$75,000 award.

“Advances in newborn screening and in therapeutics offer unprecedented opportunities for early diagnosis and treatment of inborn errors of metabolism, including lysosomal storage disorders,” says Bruce Korf MD, FACMG, President of the ACMG Foundation. “Though we are at the forefront in the integration of genetics and genomics into medical practice, with this growth there is a deficit of physicians specifically trained in the diagnosis, management and treatment of individuals with metabolic diseases. Genzyme and the ACMG Foundation have created a robust national fellowship program to promote and encourage the recruitment and training of clinicians for this purpose.”

The goals of the ACMG Foundation/Genzyme Clinical Genetics Fellowship in Biochemical Genetics award Program are to:

1. Advance education, research and standards of practice in medical genetics.
2. Develop and expand clinical and laboratory expertise in medical genetics in the United States.
3. Initiate and develop a broad-based infrastructure for industry funding of high quality projects in the field of medical genetics.

Applications for this program will be considered in one round, based on the following schedule:

- Application Submission Deadline: August 15, 2012
- Awardee Notification by: September 2012
- Award Presentation: at the 2013 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting in Phoenix, AZ

For more information and to download the application please visit **www.acmgfoundation.org** or email **cpowell@acmgfoundation.org**.

“Since 2005, the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine has coordinated this outstanding opportunity for geneticists, and we have had many out-standing applicants and fellows. We appreciate Genzyme’s financial support of the fellowships, and I feel that they are an excellent example of a successful partnership between industry and a nonprofit organization to help train the next generation of geneticists”, said David Cotter, ACMG Foundation Director of Development.

About the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine

The ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine (www.acmgfoundation.org), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is a community of supporters and contributors who understand the importance of medical genetics and genomics and genetic counseling in healthcare. Established in 1992, the ACMG Foundation supports the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics’ mission to

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"translate genes into health" by raising funds to promote the profession of medical genetics and genomics to medical students, to fund the training of future medical geneticists, to support best-practices and tools for practicing physicians and laboratory directors, to promote awareness and understanding of our work in the general public, and much more.

Founded in 1991, the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (www.acmg.net) advances the practice of medical genetics and genomics by providing education, resources and a voice for more than 1400 biochemical, clinical, cytogenetic, medical and molecular geneticists, genetic counselors and other healthcare professionals committed to the practice of medical genetics. ACMG's activities include the development of laboratory and practice standards and guidelines, advocating for quality genetic services in healthcare and in public health, and promoting the development of methods to diagnose, treat and prevent genetic disease. Genetics in Medicine, published monthly, is the official ACMG peer-reviewed journal. ACMG's website (www.acmg.net) offers a variety of resources including Policy Statements, Practice Guidelines variety of resources including Policy Statements, Practice Guidelines, Educational Resources, and a Medical Geneticist Locator. The educational and public health programs of the American College of Medical Genetics are dependent upon charitable gifts from corporations, foundations, and individuals.

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