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**ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine Announces Two 2014-2015 ACMG
Foundation/Genzyme Biochemical Genetics Fellowships Now Available
Deadline August 25, 2013**

Bethesda, MD – August 8, 2013 | 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 2014-2015, 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 and will be presented at the ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting in March 2014 in Nashville, TN.

For more information about the award and to download the application, visit www.acmgfoundation.org. For additional questions, please contact Christina Powell at cpowell@acmg.net.

"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:

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

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 "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.

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