

Postdoctoral, Graduate Student, and Research Assistant Positions available

Funding is available for several positions in the Taubert lab in Vancouver, Canada. This is a new lab at the Centre for Molecular Medicine and Therapeutics (www.cmmmt.ubc.ca), a Centre affiliated with the University of British Columbia (www.ubc.ca). We are looking for Postdoctoral Fellows, Research Assistants, and Graduate Students with excellent academic records and training in molecular genetics, molecular biology, and/or biochemistry.

We use *C. elegans* and mammalian cell culture to study transcriptional regulatory networks that affect metabolism, stress responses, and developmental processes. The lab employs a multidisciplinary approach using genetics, molecular biology, biochemistry, and imaging.

Our research focuses on the Mediator, a conserved multi-protein machinery that regulates transcription. The *C. elegans* Mediator subunit MDT-15 affects transcription of genes involved in lipid biology and nutritional stress responses. Several projects are available characterizing the regulation of *C. elegans* MDT-15, dissecting its genetic and physical interactions, and studying the functions and targets of human MED15 in tissue culture. Due to its regulatory action, MDT-15/MED15 may be involved in human metabolic conditions (obesity, diabetes). For more information see: <http://web1.cmmmt.ubc.ca/research/investigators/taubert/projects>

We are looking for enthusiastic, self-motivated, independent thinkers with strong interpersonal skills, who share our love for science. Experience with *C. elegans* is a strongly preferred, but not absolutely necessary.

Earliest start date is March 1st 2009; a two- or three-year commitment is desired. Interested applicants should submit their CV (including contact information for three references) and a statement of research interests to taubert@cmp.ucsf.edu and taubert@cmmmt.ubc.ca.