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Dear colleague,

I am writing to seek your help in encouraging exceptional young scientists to apply for a junior faculty position here at Whitehead and MIT. The successful applicant’s lab would be located at the Whitehead Institute, and they would participate fully in teaching and mentoring of undergraduate and graduate students in the MIT Biology Department.

We are seeking highly creative individuals, and the search is broadly rather than narrowly focused. We are interested in applicants who are pursuing fundamental problems in molecular, cellular, or organismal biology, including vertebrate and invertebrate systems. Areas of interest can include but need not be limited to development, genetics, and disease models. A successful applicant will be expected to develop a significant, independent research program while also demonstrating the ability to thrive within — and contribute to — Whitehead Institute’s uniquely collegial, collaborative culture. Such an individual must share the unrelenting passion for discovery and the commitment to excellence in undergraduate and graduate education that are hallmarks of Whitehead and MIT.

A description of the position and instructions for application are enclosed. I would appreciate it if you could furnish both to promising candidates and encourage them to apply. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

David C. Page