

**Forensic Scientist (DNA)
Saint Paul, MN**

FS 2 \$49,569 - \$73,539 ; FS 1 \$43,222 - \$63,580 ; FS Trainee \$36,306

The Minnesota BCA Forensic Science Service is seeking qualified applicants to perform forensic examinations at our Laboratory in Saint Paul. These positions are responsible for the receipt, evaluation, and processing of evidence submitted from local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. The successful applicants will use the human identification chemistries. They will also use DNA computer software packages as well as robotic liquid handlers. These positions require meticulous attention to detail, strict adherence to standard operating procedures, and the ability to troubleshoot problems. Their major responsibilities include: evidence evaluation, DNA extraction, DNA amplification, data evaluation and data submission to the Combined DNA Index System.

Minimum qualifications:

All: B.A./B.S. degree in biology, chemistry, forensic science, or related scientific field; college courses (graduate or undergraduate level) totaling a minimum of nine cumulative semester hours covering the subject areas of genetics, biochemistry, and molecular biology (molecular genetics or recombinant DNA technology), as well as course work and/or training in statistics and population genetics as applied to forensic DNA analysis.

FS 1: One year of experience working as a DNA Forensic Scientist in a Forensic Science Laboratory and successful completion of the training program and competency test to become eligible to perform Forensic DNA analysis in casework.

FS 2: Three years of experience in a Forensic Science Laboratory, two of which are spent performing forensic DNA analysis in casework. The applicant must have testified in a court of law as an expert witness in Forensic DNA analyses.

Preferred qualifications:

All: Masters of Forensic Science degree, excellent oral and written communication skills, experience with a variety of molecular biology techniques/instruments and experience with a variety of standard computer software.

FS1 & 2: Certification by the American Board of Criminalistics in Molecular Biology.

In the event fully qualified Scientist cannot be identified, trainee positions will be offered. Upon successful completion of training, the trainee's salary will be established within the salary range for a qualified FS 1. The training will last approximately 12 months.

Selected candidates must pass a security background check

Applicants must apply electronically between Friday, November 6th and Monday, November 16, 2009 using the Minnesota Department of Public Safety web site at: http://www.dps.state.mn.us/humanres/HR_Jobs.asp or the State web site <http://www.careers.state.mn.us/> Contact Judy Novotny, DPS - Human Resources at 651-201-7379 for assistance.

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