

Laboratories & Educators Alliance Program

LEAP

The logo for LEAP features the letters 'L', 'E', and 'A' in a bold, dark green, sans-serif font. The letter 'P' is replaced by a stylized green microscope icon, with the eyepiece forming the top curve and the base forming the stem. A thick green horizontal bar is positioned below the letters.

Bridging the gap

Henry Maynard

Forensic Science Lab



Questions

- ▶ How can we foster the development of collaborative relationships between forensic science labs and academia?
- ▶ How can academia help forensic science labs?
- ▶ How can students learn about internship opportunities?

- ▶ **Is there one place to learn about the lab's research interests, academic researchers' forensic projects, and internship opportunities?**

Where can I find out more?

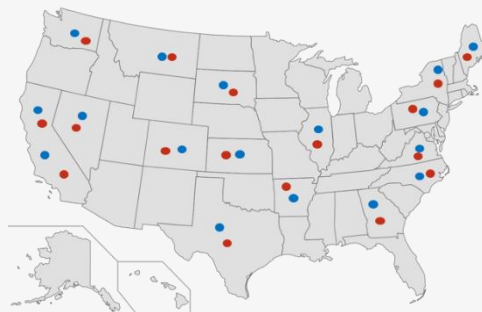
- ▶ ASCLD's Forensic Research Committee Page
 - ▶ <https://www.asclld.org/forensic-research-committee/>
- ▶ Additional Information available on that page:
 - ▶ ASCLD's Research Needs List - which helps identify the research areas that are most impactful for Laboratory Directors
 - ▶ Research Resources List - which helps identify topic areas of interest related to forensic science research



FORENSIC RESEARCH COMMITTEE

ASCLD FRC Research Needs

- 1.
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- 10.



Interested in a research partnership with a University? Want to host an intern?

Webinars

Last Quarter's Recorded Webinar
Title, Presenter

Next Quarter's Webinar
Title, Presenter, Date and Time

Research in the Lab

List of active evaluation efforts.
List of research projects within ASCLD labs.

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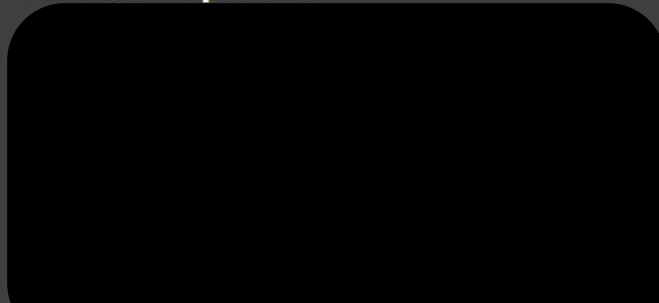
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LEAP

Bridging the gap

The goal of the Laboratories and Educators Alliance Program (LEAP) is to facilitate collaborative research between academia and forensic science laboratories. This joint effort between the American Society of Crime Lab Directors (ASCLD) and the Council of Forensic Science Educators (COFSE) identifies forensic science needs and provides a platform for laboratories, researchers, and students to seek projects aligning with their mutual research capabilities.

Laboratories

Expands the research climate within the laboratory, leading to meaningful contributions to forensic science practices.

Provides educational opportunities, such as conference presentations and guest lectures.

Supports the laboratory through hosting student interns to assist in validation and evaluation projects.

Facilitates the connection between the laboratory and university programs, potentially assisting with future hiring

Academia

Promotes impactful research by providing a list of forensic science needs and research interests that can lead to future collaborations.

Enriches the knowledge base of university faculty with limited or no prior forensic laboratory experience.

Enhances academic achievements through the valuable internship experiences provided to students.

Streamlines vital connections and collaborations between universities and forensic science laboratories as required

LEAP Sign Up



Lab Interested
in Signing Up?

University Interested
in Signing Up?

completing the form, and returning it to the ASCLD FRC.

Crime Lab Sign-up

University Sign-up

LEAP is new and has only launched recently...

- ▶ 72 LEAP Participating Labs and Universities (as of January 2019)
 - ▶ 21 Forensic Science Labs
 - ▶ 51 Universities
- ▶ Outreach efforts will now be taking place to socialize LEAP which will greatly increase the number of participating labs and universities.
- ▶ We expect that this program will grow fast!

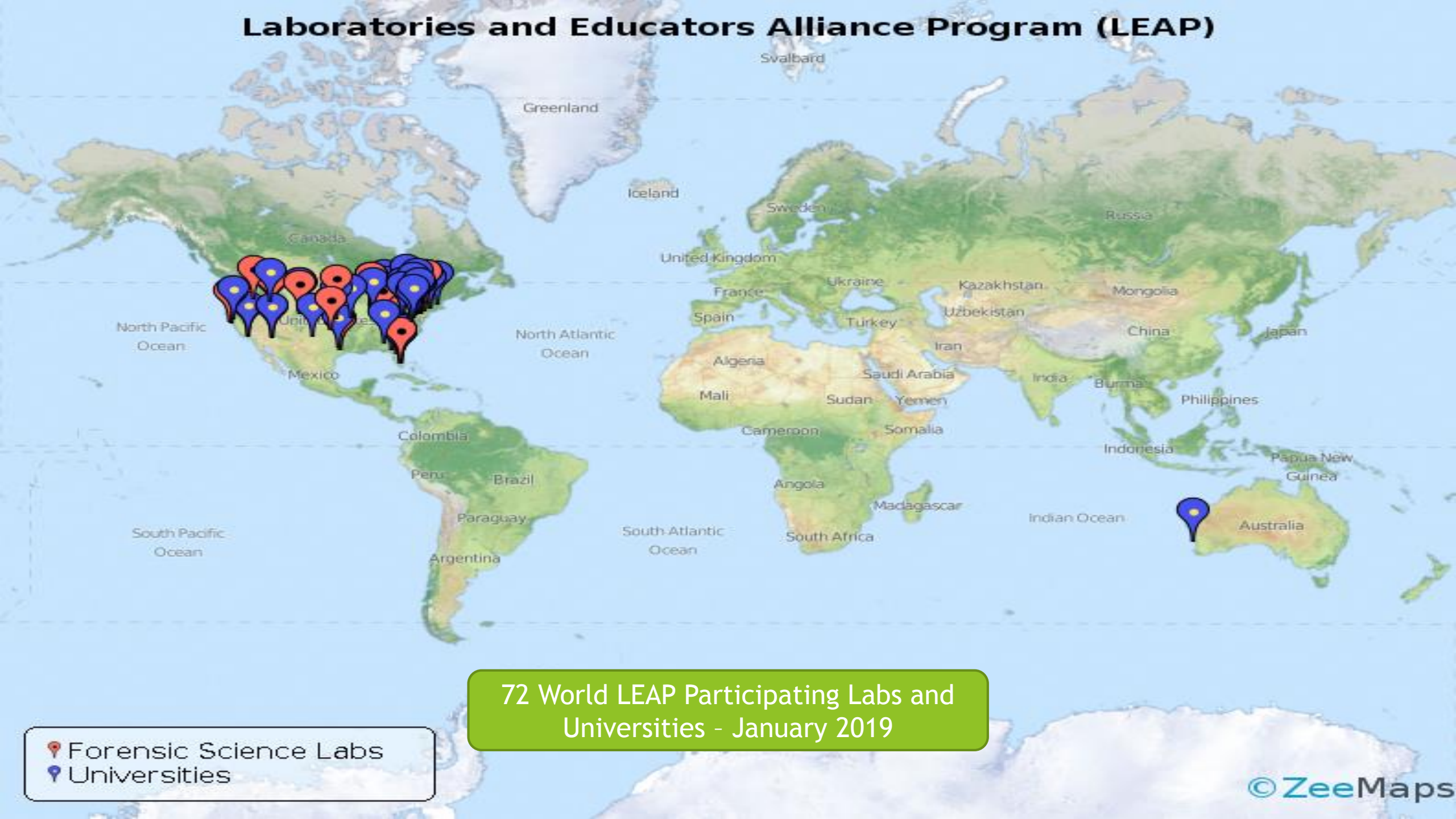
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📍 Forensic Science Labs
📍 Universities

70 US LEAP Participating Labs and Universities - January 2019

Laboratories and Educators Alliance Program (LEAP)



72 World LEAP Participating Labs and Universities - January 2019

📍 Forensic Science Labs
📍 Universities

Future

- ▶ With more participating labs and universities:
 - ▶ We can begin to coordinate large, comprehensive evaluation efforts and inter-laboratory studies
 - ▶ As well as establish meaningful collaborations to support forensic science research projects

Please sign up today!

The background features abstract, overlapping green geometric shapes in various shades, including light lime green, medium green, and dark forest green, creating a modern, layered effect.

Thank you!

Questions: FRC@asclcd.org