The Forensic Research Committee of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors announces the **LEAP Collaboration Award**. The goal of the award is to recognize an outstanding partnership between LEAP participating academic and operational forensic laboratories.

**Award**: the winners will be recognized at the 2021 ASCLD Annual Symposium and will receive a plaque. The awardees will receive an individualized electronic award icon that can be use on letterhead, reports, e-mail signatures, etc.

**Eligibility**: open to scientists from all disciplines such as Bio/DNA, drug chemistry, toxicology, fingerprints, questioned documents, trace/microscopy, firearms/toolmarks, and digital/multimedia sciences in LEAP participating operational and academic forensic laboratories.

**Criteria:**
1) the research is a collaborative effort between an operational and an academic lab that produces novel data, methods, analytical/research tools that contribute to a forensic science discipline such as Bio/DNA, drug chemistry, toxicology, fingerprints, questioned documents, trace/microscopy, firearms/toolmarks, digital/multimedia sciences
2) the partnership is a joint endeavor in which both teams made significant contributions
3) the partnership results in a body of work that is a significant contribution to forensic science
Note: works that have been published in the peer-reviewed literature will receive favorable review

**Application Window**: December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Application Process**:
1. Complete the application, found at [https://www.ascld.org/nominations/](https://www.ascld.org/nominations/)
2. Include a 1 – 2 page description of the research, specifically addressing the criteria
3. Submit the completed application electronically to ascldfrc@gmail.com

**For additional information**: [https://www.ascld.org/forensic-research-committee/](https://www.ascld.org/forensic-research-committee/)