

DC Department of Forensic Sciences

Forensic Scientist (Firearms and Toolmark Analyst)

This position is located in the Department of Forensic Sciences (DFS), Firearms Examination Unit. The mission of DFS is to provide high-quality, timely, accurate, and reliable forensic science services using best practices and best available technology, focusing on unbiased science and transparency to enhance public safety and health.

Forensic Scientists (Firearms and Toolmark Analyst) are responsible for performing examinations of physical evidence submitted to the Firearms Examination Unit, related to firearms and tool mark identification.

Duties and Responsibilities

The Forensic Scientist (Firearms and Toolmark Analyst) analyzes a limited range of firearms evidence utilizing a variety of techniques and processes. Observes and demonstrates proficiency in the technical examinations and equipment essential to perform casework. Utilizes verbal and written instructions to perform various techniques to identify, preserve, handle and receipt of evidence.

The incumbent prepares evidence for presentation in court, meets with laboratory personnel and the criminal justice community (e.g., law enforcement personnel, attorneys, investigators, etc.) regarding the interpretation of examinations conducted, and may be required to testify as a key witness in court. Utilizes computer software to analyze results of tests and keep up-to-date on current studies, pamphlets, journals, and books for use in devising new methods and test. Devises charts, graphs, and tables aids to conduct tests and evaluates laboratory test results and prepares technical reports on findings and project results.

Qualifications and Education

Successful completion of a 4-year course of study from an accredited college or university leading to a bachelor's or higher degree in biological sciences, agriculture, natural resource management, chemistry, or related disciplines appropriate to the position; or courses equivalent to a major in biological sciences, agriculture, natural resource management, chemistry, or related disciplines appropriate to the position **and** specialized experience. Specialized experience is experience that has equipped the applicant with the competencies, knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position, including but not limited to: experience in quality control procedures and accreditation standards, standard laboratory rules and safety precautions regarding chemicals, toxins, and biohazards and evidence collection and preservation procedures.

Salary Range: \$55,230- \$71,106; based on funding

Position Designation: This position has been deemed **Safety Sensitive** under the guidelines of the DC Personnel Manual. Incumbents of this position are subject to enhanced suitability screening pursuant to Chapter 4 of DC personnel regulations. Accordingly, incumbents must successfully pass a criminal background and drug and alcohol screening as a condition of employment and will be subject to periodic criminal background checks and drug tests for the duration of their tenure.

EEO Statement: The District of Columbia Government is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified candidates will receive consideration without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, family responsibilities, matriculation, physical handicap, or political affiliation.

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