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Forensic Scientist 2 - DNA(Job Id 1830)

Location: US:OH:Cleveland

Category: Medical Examiner's Office

Employment Type: Executive

Post Date: 01/07/2025

Close Date: 01/26/2025

Salary: 37.28-37.28 USD

Description

Department:Medical Examiner's

Anticipated Work Schedule:Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Reports To:Lab Supervisor

Full Time or Part Time:Full Time

Regular or Temporary:Regular

Bargaining Unit:Fraternal Order of Police

Classified or Unclassified:Classified

FLSA: Exempt

Summary

The purpose of this classification is to recognize, collect, and analyze DNA evidence; to produce DNA reports for analyses performed; and to testify in the court of law as to the results of the DNA examinations. This is a journey-level classification responsible for the collection and analysis of DNA evidence. Incumbents establish and maintain quality control and ensure proper preservation and documentation of evidence. Employees receive instruction or assistance as new or unusual situations arise and perform work in accordance with established departmental policies and procedures, federal/state guidelines, and accreditation standards.

Essential Job Functions

Recognizes, collects, and processes DNA evidence; conducts biological evidence screening; logs in evidence; swabs and cuts evidence sections for processing; documents collection, screening, and testing activities in accordance with laboratory policies and procedures; photographs evidence items; transfers and maintains evidence in storage; extracts, quantifies, and amplifies DNA; prepares DNA for analysis on genetic analyzer. Documents observations and results of DNA analysis; reviews, analyzes, and compiles instrument data; performs statistical analysis; provides opinion and interpretation of results; uploads DNA profiles into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), the national DNA database; compiles case records; issues reports; communicates with and explains results to appropriate law enforcement, attorneys, and Medical Examiner staff; testifies in court as an expert witness; performs administrative and technical review of data, DNA case files, and reports generated by other scientists. Performs regular maintenance of DNA laboratory spaces, equipment, and instruments; stocks laboratory supplies; cleans and maintains worksite and laboratory equipment; checks performance of equipment after repairs, maintenance, or malfunction; performs safety checks in accordance with unit laboratory safety program procedures. Performs related administrative responsibilities; prepares and maintains various records and other documents; responds to emails and phone calls; attends and participates in professional group meetings, conferences, seminars, and trainings; gives presentations; keeps current on new trends, information, and technology in the field; participates in assigned method improvement, validation, and/or research projects; assists with providing training to new employees, interns, and visitors as directed

Minimum Requirements

Bachelor's degree in biology, chemistry, or a related field with coursework in Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, Population Genetics and Bio-Statistics and two (2) years of forensic DNA analysis experience; or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience.

Additional Requirements

Completion of FEMA ICS 100, 200, and 700 courses is required within probationary period (180 days)

This is a non-competitive, classified position. The Personnel Review Commission (PRC) will check your application to make sure you meet the minimum qualifications. If you do, the PRC will put your name on an eligibility list. To fill this opening, the PRC sends the hiring department and Human Resources (HR) a certified eligibility list. HR helps the hiring department decide who from the certified list to follow up with for interviews and then a job offer.

Most of our communication with candidates is through email. Regularly check the email address you gave us in your job profile. Watch your Spam folder, just in case.

If we offer you a job, you must pass a drug screen and background check before the offer becomes final. Prior criminal convictions do not automatically disqualify you from employment; the County looks at criminal convictions on a case-by-case basis using the guidelines in Chapter 306 of the County Code

Cuyahoga County is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive workforce, which includes building an environment that respects the individual, promotes innovation and offers opportunities for all employees to develop to their full potential. A diverse workforce helps the County realize its full potential. The County benefits from the creativity and innovation that results when people with different experiences, perspectives, and cultural backgrounds work together.

The County is committed to providing equal employment opportunities for all individuals regardless of race, color, ancestry, national origin, language, religion, citizenship status, sex, age, marital status, sexual preference or orientation, gender identity/expression, military/veteran status, disability, genetic information, membership in a collective bargaining unit, status with regard to public assistance, or political affiliation.

If you need assistance applying or participating in any part of the candidate experience, contact Human Resources at 216-443-7190 and ask to speak with a talent acquisition team member.