

**Job ID:** 43497 - Forensic Scientist 2, Forensic Scientist 1 or Trainee - Forensic Scientist 1

**Location:** Various

**Full/Part Time:** Full-Time

**Regular/Temporary:** Trainee

## **Job Class: Trainee-Forensic Scientist 1**

### **Working Title: Forensic Scientist 2, Forensic Scientist 1 or Trainee - Forensic Scientist 1**

**Who May Apply:** Open to all qualified job seekers

**Date Posted:** 01/27/2021

**Closing Date:** 02/17/2021

**Hiring Agency/Seniority Unit:** Public Safety Dept / Public Safety-MAPE

**Division/Unit:** BCA Lab / BCA Lab Pattern Evid & Materials

**Work Shift/Work Hours:** Day Shift / 8am - 4:30pm

**Days of Work:** Monday - Friday

**Travel Required:** Yes - Up to 25% of the time

**Classified Status:** Classified (Trainee - Unclassified)

**Bargaining Unit/Union:** 214 - MN Assoc of Professional Empl/MAPE

**FLSA Status:** Exempt - Professional (Trainee-Nonexempt)

**Employment Condition:** Permanent, Full-time (Trainee: Trainee)

**Connect 700 Program Eligible:** Yes (Trainee - No)

## **Job Summary**

NOTE: This announcement will be used to fill two vacant Firearm Examiner positions at either the Forensic Scientist 2, Forensic Scientist 1 or Forensic Scientist 1 - Trainee level. There will be a position filled in the BCA Lab in Bemidji, MN and a position filled in the BCA Lab in St. Paul, MN. You will be asked during the interview process which location indicated on your resume you are interested in being considered for.

This posting will result in hiring into one of the following job classifications. The classification level of the position will be based on the selected applicant's qualifications and responses to the interview questions.

- Trainee - Forensic Scientist 1, salary \$21.60

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- Forensic Scientist 1, salary range \$25.71-\$37.82/hourly: \$53,682-\$78,968/annually
- Forensic Scientist 2, salary range \$29.50 - \$43.77/hourly: \$61,596-\$91,392/annually

This full-time permanent position will provide to the Criminal Justice System the results and interpretation of analyses of submitted evidence. This position participates in the design and validation of new technology and methods for use in casework. Assists in the development of training programs and trains new scientists in section methods and procedures. Testifies as an expert witness as required.

## **Minimum Qualifications**

### **Forensic Scientist 2**

1. A Bachelor's degree in a physical science such as Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Criminalistics, or Forensic Science from an accredited university
2. Two years experience as a Forensic Firearms Examiner in a forensic laboratory
3. Testified in a court of law as an expert witness in forensic analysis
4. Excellent computer, customer service and communication skills

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5. Ability to work cooperatively with individuals from diverse backgrounds

## **Forensic Scientist 1**

1. A Bachelor's degree in a physical science such as Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Criminalistics, or Forensic Science from an accredited university
2. Experience equivalent to one year of full-time professional level experience performing scientific laboratory analyses. NOTE: A Masters degree or PhD in any of the above mentioned degrees may be substituted for 6 months of professional level experience
3. Excellent computer, customer service and communication skills
4. Ability to work cooperatively with individuals from diverse backgrounds

## **Trainee - Forensic Scientist 1**

1. A Bachelor's degree in a physical science such as Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Criminalistics, or Forensic Science from an accredited university
2. Excellent computer, customer service and communication skills
3. Ability to work cooperatively with individuals from diverse backgrounds

## **For all classifications:**

NOTE: APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT AN UNOFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT(S) BY FEDERAL MAIL OR E-MAIL NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 19, 2021 TO THE CONTACT INFORMATION LISTED BELOW. UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS SUBMITTED WITH PREVIOUS APPLICANTS ARE NOT KEPT ON FILE AND YOU MUST SUBMIT A NEW COPY OF YOUR UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT FOR EACH VACANCY YOU APPLY TO:

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## **Preferred Qualifications**

### **Forensic Scientist 2**

1. Masters or PhD degree in a physical science such as Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Criminalistics or Forensic Science from an accredited university
2. Two years of experience as a Forensic Firearms Examiner in a ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratory
3. Is a certified Firearms Examiner through the Association of Firearms and Toolmarks Examiners (AFTE)

### **Forensic Scientist 1**

1. Masters or PhD degree in a physical science such as Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Criminalistics or Forensic Science from an accredited university
2. Experience in a forensic laboratory gained through an internship or work experience; or

work experience doing examinations

## **Physical Requirements**

Requires occasionally moving and transporting 50 pound items and frequently moving and transporting objects such as heavy tools and heavy file boxes. This job may require positioning self to move to a significant degree across rough terrain or may involve maintaining a stationary position for extended periods.

## **Additional Requirements**

This position requires successful completion of the following:

It is the policy of the Department of Public Safety that all employees submit to a background investigation prior to employment, which includes the following components:

- 1) Criminal history
- 2) Reference check
- 3) Driver license
- 4) Fingerprints
- 5) Psychological evaluation
- 6) Drug screen
- 7) Education verification

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## How to Apply

Click "Apply" at the bottom of the page. If you have questions about applying for jobs, contact the job information line at 651-259-3637.

For additional information about the application process, go to <http://www.mn.gov/careers>.

## Contact

If you have questions about the position, contact Sonja Fink at [sonja.fink@state.mn.us](mailto:sonja.fink@state.mn.us).

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We provide reasonable accommodations to all qualified applicants with disabilities throughout the application and interview process.

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For accommodations or questions about accessibility specifically relating to this job

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