



Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.

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FORENSIC ANALYST –BIOLOGY

Houston Forensic Science Center (HFSC) is an independent organization created by Houston Mayor Annise Parker and the Houston City Council to provide forensic science services formerly delivered by the Houston Police Department. HFSC has been officially registered as a Texas local government corporation* since June 26, 2012.

Houston Forensic Science Center is now seeking for a full-time Forensic Analyst in our Biology section.

POSITION SUMMARY

Under the direction of the Manager of Forensic Biology, the analyst performs routine to moderately complex analysis of biological samples within the Houston Forensic Science Center. Performs serological screening, laboratory processing, and data interpretation. Prepares accurate and precise notes and technical reports. Performs maintenance, calibration, and quality control on scientific instruments. Provides technical assistance to police officers, member of the District Attorney's office, and other members of law enforcement agencies and the criminal justice community. Testifies as an expert witness regarding the scientific conclusions obtained from analysis. Partners with management and other staff to ensure other tasks are completed as assigned.

MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The position requires a bachelor's degree in Biology, Biochemistry, Genetics, Forensic Sciences or a closely related science field from an accredited college/university (transcripts required). Subjects providing a basic understanding of forensic DNA analysis, as well as courses or training in statistics and population genetics as it applies to forensic DNA analysis are strongly preferred. A skills assessment will be given to evaluate knowledge level.

MINIMUM EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Minimum of two years of experience working in a DNA/Biology forensic environment is required. Previous analytical experience in a forensic DNA laboratory specifically analyzing STRs is required; experience with GlobalFiler® analysis is strongly preferred. Certification or the ability to quickly gain certification is also required.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL REQUIREMENTS

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to work well with all levels of employees and outside contacts
- Demonstrated ability to think critically, troubleshoot effectively and make timely and sound decisions
- Demonstrated ability to work well with details
- Proven expertise in Microsoft Office applications is a plus.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Interested applicants meeting the job qualification may apply via our website, www.houstonforensicscience.org

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