U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command

Job Title: Biologist (Forensic Examiner)
Department: Department of the Army
Agency: U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command
Job Announcement Number: SCDZ149007601049545D

SALARY RANGE: $50,077.00 to $112,261.00 / Per Year
OPEN PERIOD: Friday, April 18, 2014 to Friday, May 09, 2014
SERIES & GRADE: GS-0401-09/13
POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time - Term NTE 30-SEP-2015
PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 13
DUTY LOCATIONS: 4 vacancies in the following location:
Fort Gillem, GA
WHO MAY APPLY: United States Citizens
SECURITY CLEARANCE: Secret
SUPERVISORY STATUS: No

JOB SUMMARY:
Civilian employees serve a vital role in supporting the Army mission. They provide the skills that are not readily available in the military, but crucial to support military operations. The Army integrates the talents and skills of its military and civilian members to form a Total Army.

About the Position:
The Defense Forensic Science Center (DFSC) is an organization that provides full-service forensic support (traditional, expeditionary and Reach-Back) to both Army and DoD entities worldwide. The DFSC also provides specialized forensic training and research capabilities as well as forensic services to other federal departments and agencies.

The primary purpose of this position is to serve as member of the Forensic Expeditionary Division (FXD) as a biologist in the performance of professional and scientific work in the area of forensic serology and DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid). Must locate, identify, and individualize body fluids and body fluid stains and perform forensic DNA analysis using the most current DNA technology (PCR, STR, and robotics).

Who May Apply: U.S. Citizens

TRAVEL REQUIRED

- 25% or Greater
- Incumbent will work away from their official duty station up to 25% of the time
DUTIES:

- Investigates via testing, and performing analysis of DNA on physical evidence and material consisting of body fluid stains, hair, bone, dental pulp, and other human tissue.
- Conducts routine examinations to develop evidence and data/information for intelligence exploitation.
- Travels with investigative personnel to provide on-site expert forensic scientific support at major crime scenes and Sensitive and Tactical Site Exploitations; travels to various court proceedings worldwide as required; testifies in various court systems as an expert witness for cases that are not complex, sometimes on short notice; presents forensic scientific testimony in layman’s terms, defends analytical approach and results against rigorous cross examination.
- Prepares technical information papers and training materials, facilitates and conducts formal training for legal personnel, special agents, and military police, all other military personnel from outside the DFSC and civilian personnel in support of the Army’s criminal investigation programs.
- Plans, organizes and devises the approach necessary to obtain useful forensic information from the evidence and material submitted, taking into consideration the requirements established by agency regulations, federal law, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice and the intent of intelligence organizations and the joint force commander.
- Prepares formal written reports suitable for legal presentation and intelligence exploitation which state results, interpretation, and professional opinions/conclusions. Is directly responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the forensic examinations performed.
- Establishes and updates databases for use in determining the statistical significance of evidence findings.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

Experience required: To qualify based on your work experience, your resume must describe at least one year of experience which prepared you to do the work in this job. Specialized experience is defined as but not limited to the following for each grade level.

You will be evaluated on the basis of your level of competency (knowledge, skills, abilities) in the following area:

- Knowledge of the biological sciences including biochemistry, genetics, molecular biology, molecular genetics, and recombinant DNA technology sufficient to understand the foundations of forensic DNA analysis.
- Knowledge in the area of forensic DNA analysis which includes a wide variety of instrumental, microscopic, physical, biological, chemical, biochemical, and immunological techniques suitable for analyses.
- Knowledge of theory and technology related to the principles and practices of biological sciences and established DNA protocols of the appropriate methodologies in order to analyze assigned samples and materials, to set up new or modified procedures, and to prepare routine reports of findings and make presentations.

Some federal jobs allow you to substitute your education for the required experience in order to qualify.

Basic Qualification Requirements:

A. Degree: biological sciences, agriculture, natural resources management, chemistry, or related disciplines appropriate to the position.

OR

B. Combination of education and experience--Courses equivalent to a major, as shown in A above, plus appropriated experience or additional education.