The Virginia Department of Forensic Science’s Central Laboratory in Richmond, Virginia is seeking Trace Evidence trainees. The selected candidate(s) will be required to successfully complete an intensive training program in forensic explosives analysis or Primer Residue (PR) analysis. These training programs need to be completed within the first year of employment. Each candidate will subsequently train in at least one additional Trace Evidence sub-discipline. Once trained and qualified as a Forensic Scientist, the successful candidates will: 1) use current state-of-the-art methodologies and instrumentation to analyze trace evidence; 2) prepare Certificates of Analyses on findings for use by the criminal justice system; and 3) testify in court as a qualified expert for the Commonwealth at criminal proceedings as to the results of laboratory findings and perform other duties assigned. The positions require occasional overnight travel and employees will provide own transportation as required. The selected candidates will have a minimum of one year probationary period that must be completed successfully.

**Required Qualifications:** A Bachelor’s degree in chemistry or related science with courses in general, organic and analytical chemistry, as a minimum. Knowledge of basic theoretical principles and applications of the instrumentation and methodologies used to analyze trace evidence (e.g., Microscopy, XRD, GC, GC/MS, FTIR). Knowledge of laboratory safety procedures; QA/QC and laboratory practices. Must be able to analyze data, develop sound conclusions, maintain accurate records, and solve technical problems. Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing. Valid driver’s license required.

**Preferred Qualifications:** A graduate degree in a relevant area. Experience in an accredited forensic science laboratory.

**SELECTED CANDIDATE MUST PROVIDE A DNA SAMPLE VIA A BUCCAL SWAB (SALIVA SAMPLE), BE FINGERPRINTED, DRUG TESTED AND PASS A BACKGROUND SECURITY CHECK**

Applicants must apply electronically using the State of Virginia’s Recruitment Management System (RMS) by 5:00 pm, May 5, 2015. The RMS can be accessed using the link: [https://virginiajobs.peopleadmin.com](https://virginiajobs.peopleadmin.com). Contact Julie Smith at (804)588-4053 for assistance.

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