The Forensic Laboratory Services Bureau (FLSB) at the Washington State Patrol is the largest forensic science organization in Washington, providing forensic services for city, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies.

We are pleased to announce opportunities for scientists in this exciting field at the forefront of the criminal justice system today.

We are looking for qualified scientists interested in the following areas:

- Materials Analysis
- Biochemistry/DNA
- Firearms/Tool Marks
- Latent Prints
- Questioned Documents
- Toxicology
- Crime Scene Response

LABORATORY LOCATIONS

Crime Lab Headquarters,
CODIS, Toxicology, and Seattle Laboratory
2203 Airport Way South
Seattle, WA 98134

Olympia
3310 Capitol Blvd
Olympia, WA 98501

Vancouver
1401 Kauffman Ave
Vancouver, WA 98660

Kennewick
143302 E Law Lane
Kennewick, WA 99337

Marysville
2700 116th St NE, Suite P
Tulalip, WA 98271

Spokane
580 W 7th Street
Cheney, WA 99004

Tacoma
2502 112th St E, Room 273
Tacoma, WA 98445

FLSB Headquarters
PO Box 42600
Olympia, WA 98504-2600
(360) 596-4120

The Washington State Patrol is an equal opportunity employer.
We hire both experienced scientists and those straight out of college with a degree in science.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor of Science degree in a natural science (physics, chemistry, biochemistry, biology, etc.) or forensic science, including a minimum of:

- 20 semester hours or 30 quarter hours of chemistry; and
- 5 semester or 8 quarter hours of physics.

Note: For DNA positions, physics is recommended, not required; additional coursework in biochemistry, genetics, molecular biology, and statistics or population genetics is required.

Desirable: One year of full-time paid technical experience in an analytical, research, or crime laboratory.

Note: An advanced degree in forensic science or a natural science may substitute for one year of experience in an analytical, research, or crime laboratory.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Materials Analysis
Analyze drugs, fire debris, or explosives evidence; examine trace materials such as hairs, fibers, glass, paint, and impressions.

Biochemistry/DNA
Characterize biological stains, and extract and type human DNA from biological evidence.

Firearms/Tool Marks
Analyze and compare firearms and ammunition components, including distance determinations, serial number restoration, and shooting reconstructions. Tool marks are examined for possible origin and object matches.

Latent Prints
Process evidence for latent prints and compare to known individuals. Compare prints to state and national databases.

Questioned Documents
Examine and compare handwriting, altered documents, indented writing, paper, and ink.

Toxicology
Analyze biological samples for the presence of alcohol, controlled substances, and medications.

Crime Scene Response
Provide crime scene assistance and reconstruction to local law enforcement agencies investigating major crimes.

CODIS
Process DNA profiles from convicted offender samples for comparison to statewide and national DNA databases.

BACKGROUND REQUIREMENTS

The Washington State Patrol performs a polygraph and background check on all potential employees. The following may disqualify you from a job with the Washington State Patrol:

- Felony convictions or certain misdemeanors (Those committed under 18 may be considered on a case-by-case basis)
- Drug or alcohol (DUI) related convictions
- History of drug use
- Use of marijuana, regardless of state legality
- Untruthful responses on your application or background forms

Interested in a career in the exciting field of Forensic Science?

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