

Position: Associate Professor and Director of Forensic Biology

Location: Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas

Department: School of Criminal Justice

Start Date: July 2025

Position Overview:

As the only national training site for the ATF in a public university, Wichita State University's School of Criminal Justice is launching two new master's programs: forensic biology and forensic firearms. Faculty and students will work closely with the ATF and other law enforcement agencies and have ample opportunity to collaborate.

To lead these new programs, the School of Criminal Justice seeks an experienced practitioner-scholar committed to excellence in teaching, research, and service. Depending on the candidate's credentials, the appointment may be tenure-track or non-tenure-track. This is a 12-month appointment with additional responsibility as the director of a newly established master's degree in forensic biology. The director is responsible for the new program to be accredited by FEPAC.

The School of Criminal Justice offers bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice, a fully online bachelor's degree in homeland security, and a bachelor's degree in forensic science.

Responsibilities:

- Lead and direct the forensic biology program in consultation with the School of Criminal Justice and law enforcement partners.
- Ensure program activities and outcomes align with the vision and objectives of the program.
- Make admission decisions and coordinate with the Graduate School for student progress and graduation.
- Develop strategic plans for the program, monitor the budget, and adjust resources as needed.
- Prepare for and maintain FEPAC accreditation.
- Oversee the master's program in forensic firearms in consultation with its coordinator.
- Teach one course per semester in the forensic biology program for a tenure-track option. Non-tenure-track faculty will have more teaching responsibilities.
- As a tenure-track faculty, seek external funding for research projects, individually or collaboratively, with faculty or local/state agencies.
- Mentor and advise students.
- Participate in departmental, college, and university service activities.

- Engage with the community and contribute to public scholarship.

Qualifications:

- Ph.D. in forensic biology or other related fields of forensic science.
- Advanced knowledge of forensic laboratory policies and procedures.
- Advanced skills in the forensic lab setting.
- Minimum two years of experience in a leadership role.
- Demonstrated potential for excellence in teaching in higher education.
- Ability to work collaboratively with colleagues and students from diverse backgrounds.
- Experience in or potential for securing external research funding.

Application Process:

Applicants should submit the following materials at <https://jobs.wichita.edu>:

1. A cover letter addressing qualifications.
2. Curriculum vitae.
3. Contact information for three professional references.

Application Deadline: Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

Contact Information:

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