

Position: Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Master's Program in Forensic Firearms

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.

The School of Criminal Justice seeks an experienced practitioner-scholar committed to excellence in teaching to serve as the coordinator of the forensic firearms program. Depending on the candidate's credentials, the appointment may be tenure-track or non-tenure-track. This is a 12-month appointment as faculty with additional administrative responsibility as the program coordinator.

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:

- Coordinate the program in consultation with the director of forensic biology, the School of Criminal Justice, and law enforcement partners.
- Make admission decisions and coordinate with the Graduate School for student progress and graduation.
- Ensure program activities and outcomes align with the vision and objectives of the program.
- Work with the forensic biology program director to monitor the budget and resources.
- Teach two to three courses per semester in the forensic firearms program.
- Mentor and advise students.
- Participate in departmental, college, and university service activities.
- Engage with the community and contribute to public scholarship.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Master's degree in natural sciences, social sciences, or a closely related field.
- Demonstrated knowledge of and skills for NFEA training.

- Demonstrated knowledge of and skills for firearm and toolmark examination.
- 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.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Ph.D. in natural sciences or social sciences.
- Experience with NFEA training
- Experience as a firearm and toolmark examiner

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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