U.S. Postal Service

Job Title: Forensic Latent Print Analyst

Agency: U.S. Postal Service Inspection Service

Job Announcement Number:

**SALARY RANGE:** $59,300.00 - 125,300.00

**OPEN PERIOD:**

**SERIES & GRADE:** W2-02

**POSITION INFORMATION:** Full Time - Permanent

**DUTY LOCATIONS:** USPIS National Forensic Laboratory
22433 Randolph Drive, Dulles, VA 20104-1000

**WHO MAY APPLY:** Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or have permanent resident alien status. Current career Postal Service employees are ineligible to apply to this posting.

**SECURITY CLEARANCE:** Willingness to submit to a Tier 2 Moderate Background Investigation (MBI). This investigation requires, among other things, completion of a questionnaire and fingerprinting for a criminal records check. The investigation may require a drug test. The successful applicant will be required to meet and maintain the requirements of this level of background investigation while holding this position.

**SUPERVISORY STATUS:** Yes

**JOB SUMMARY:**

Come join the U.S. Postal Service!

The U.S. Postal Service Inspection Service is seeking to fill a Forensic Latent Print Analyst position in Dulles, VA

**TELEWORK ELIGIBLE**

- Yes as determined by agency policy.

**TRAVEL REQUIRED**

- Occasional travel may be required.

**RELOCATION AUTHORIZED**
KEY REQUIREMENTS

- You must be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident alien status

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

U.S. Postal Inspection Service - Forensic Laboratory Services Digital Evidence Unit is seeking a Forensic Latent Print Analyst in Dulles, VA. This position is with the Postal Inspection Service and are Headquarters/Headquarters-related.

Experience in processing and comparison of latent fingerprints and biometric databases. Advanced degree in forensic science or related area. Certification by the International Association of Identification.

Duties and qualifications required for each position are available through the link under “How to Apply”.

Come work in an energetic, lively, and collegial atmosphere on a wide range of complex, fast-paced, challenging matters.

DUTIES:

1. Conducts forensic examinations of latent prints through the application of scientific practices for the recognition, collection, analysis, and interpretation of physical evidence for criminal and civil law or regulatory purposes to include examination of evidence using biological, chemical, and physical methods.

2. Examines and analyzes evidence and interprets scientific observations and data to render conclusions, form opinions and produce reports.

3. Provides expert witness testimony; produces comprehensive reports and illustrative exhibits for federal, state, and local judicial proceedings at a level sufficient to explain evidence interpretations and conclusions from forensic examinations and scientific data to a lay audience.

4. Serves as a subject matter expert and technical advisor in matters relating to the proper collection, preservation, packaging, and submission of criminal evidence; participates in crime scene evidence collection activities in major field investigations; ensures evidence handling requirements are met.

5. Performs ongoing evaluation and validation of laboratory instrumentation and methods, operating protocols, and safety practices under supervision; maintains awareness of safety procedures and identifies possible physical conditions and/or laboratory procedures that may create unsafe conditions.

6. Delivers training in laboratory services, evidence collection, crime scene processing and field examination.

7. Conducts studies and research for improving forensic analyses, scientific methods, and criminal identification procedures.

8. Acts as liaison with postal management and federal, state, and local organizations on technical developments, forensic methods, and investigative problems of common interest.
QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

1. Ability to communicate orally and in writing in order to prepare reports of examination results and conclusions, and provide testimony as an expert witness before state, federal or other judicial bodies.

2. Ability to provide training related to laboratory services, evidence collection, and field examination.

3. Ability to conduct and document scientific research related to latent print examinations.

4. Skill in the use of magnifiers and digital / optical enhancement instrumentation.

5. Knowledge of forensic science techniques, laboratory protocols, scientific methodologies, quality assurance standards and latent print examination procedures sufficient to conduct detailed and complex analyses and interpretation of the value of evidentiary items.

6. Ability to render conclusions/opinions and make recommendations based on scientific practices of recognition, collection, and interpretation of physical evidence related to latent print examinations.

7. Knowledge of evidence collection, preservation, packaging and shipment procedures sufficient to serve as a technical advisor in such matters and to ensure evidence handling requirements are met.

8. EDUCATION: Applicants must possess a Bachelor's degree in forensic science, physical or biological sciences, life sciences, chemistry or a closely related field from a college or university accredited by a national or regional accreditation organization recognized and sanctioned by the U.S. Department of Education.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS: Experience in processing and comparison of latent fingerprints and biometric databases. Advanced degree in forensic science or related area. Certification by the International Association of Identification.

HOW YOU WILL BE EVALUATED:

We will review your resume and supporting documents to ensure you meet the basic qualification requirements. We will evaluate each applicant who meets the basic qualifications on the information provided and evaluate your relevant professional, educational, and work experiences as it relates to fundamental competencies, identified in the Qualifications section above, required for this position.

BENEFITS:

The salary will be based on previous experience, and current postal pay policies. We offer excellent benefits including health and life insurance, retirement plan, savings/investment plan with employer contribution, flexible spending, flextime scheduling of core work hours, annual and sick leave.

OTHER INFORMATION: Qualified applicant must successfully pass a drug screening.
HOW TO APPLY:

You will need to apply via our on-line application process at www.usps.com/careers. You will need to create an applicant profile.

Once you are on the website, click “Search our latest job postings” OR select “Start your eCareer profile.” You will have an opportunity to upload any requested documents to your profile.

This is a two-step application process requiring you to create a profile and submit an application for the position you are applying for.

You will receive two email confirmations:

1. An email confirming your profile is complete.
2. After submitting your application you will receive a second email confirming your application has been successfully submitted.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

Cover letter and resume

AGENCY CONTACT INFO:
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Agency Information:
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WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT:

You will be contacted via email on the status of your application.