



# Chemist (Forensic Research)

## (Public Notice Flyer)

### Chemist (Forensic Research), GS-1320-13/14

- Multiple vacancies in Washington, D.C.
- Work Schedule: Full-time
- Appointment Type: Permanent
- Salary Range:
  - GS-13: \$96,970.00 to \$126,062.00 per year
  - GS-14: \$114,590.00 to \$148,967.00 per year
- Opening and Closing Period: Thursday, February 7, 2019 to Wednesday, July 31, 2019
- Who May Apply: All United States citizens, nationals, or those who owe allegiance to the United States; and Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program (ICTAP) eligible (only applicable if you have worked in the Federal government).
- This position is covered by Administratively Uncontrollable Overtime (AUO) and additional compensation may be paid at the rate of up to 25% of the base salary.

### Summary

Do you have a passion for public service? The United States Secret Service (USSS) is looking for you! The USSS is a premier law enforcement organization with two (2) critical national security missions: protect our nation's leaders and to conduct criminal investigations. Our team members continue a tradition of excellence – whether investigating financial crimes or protecting national and visiting foreign leaders. In the USSS we serve the country with duty, loyalty, justice, integrity, and courage.

The Office of the Investigations, Forensic Services Division (FSD), is responsible for planning, directing, and coordinating all forensic science activities in the Secret Service to include the expert examination of questioned documents, fingerprints, papers, inks, and other related materials; the administration of a polygraph examination program conducted in the field offices nationwide; and the analysis and preparation of photographs/evidence for court appearances.

### Duties

The Secret Service is seeking to hire talented individuals to:



- Perform a wide variety of duties requiring a comprehensive knowledge of and extensive experience in the full range of forensic science methodologies; conceive, plan, coordinate, and conduct research and development projects for the solution of highly complex problems related to forensic techniques such as latent fingerprint detection, ink identification and dating, credit card analysis, image enhancement, counterfeit currency analysis, forensic evidence tracking, surveillance and polygraph techniques.
- Testify under direct or cross-examination, providing expert opinions and interpretations anticipate challenges to testimony, and adeptly defend and justify conclusions. Assist in trial preparation for prosecution of criminal cases by advising the U.S. Attorney of the evidentiary value or significance of the results of chemical analysis and the scientific bases for the opinions which will be rendered.
- Use a variety of laboratory instruments and techniques such as lasers and infrared, ultraviolet, and monochromatic light sources to examine a variety of surfaces, determine the existence and nature of any material alternations, and provide expert analyses of the results.

## Benefits

The USSS offers its employees a wide range of benefits including:

- Low-cost Federal health and life insurance
- Paid Holidays
- Leave for personal, recreational, and health needs
- Thrift Savings Plan (similar to a 401(k) Plan)
- Flexible work schedules
- Telework
- Transit and child care subsidies
- Tuition reimbursement and student loan repayment
- Training and development
- Recruitment bonus or relocation bonus may be available

## Qualifications

You must demonstrate at least one (1) year of the defined specialized experience equivalent to the next lower grade level and meet the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Individual Occupational Requirements (IOR).

Specialized experience is defined as performing such duties as:

GS-13: conducts organized and methodical research projects using techniques, and procedures in one or more of the following areas: latent fingerprint development, document security and authentication; and instrumental and chemical analysis of ink and paper; conduct forensic analyses and report findings to technical and non-technical audiences.



GS-14: plans, coordinates, and conducts research and development projects for the solution of highly complex problems related in latent fingerprint detection, ink identification and dating, credit card analysis, image enhancement, counterfeit currency analysis, and forensic evidence tracking; assists in trial preparation for prosecution of criminal cases providing chemical analyses and scientific bases for the opinions; uses a variety of laboratory instruments and techniques (i.e., lasers and infrared, ultraviolet and monochromatic light sources); draft proposals, results of analyses, and evaluations, develop new standard and guidelines; and provides expert opinions, interpretations, and testimony.

## AND

OPMs Individual Occupational Requirements (IOR) is defined as:

<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/classification-qualifications/general-schedule-qualification-standards/1300/chemistry-series-1320/>

Accrediting institutions recognized by the United States <https://www.ed.gov/>

## Conditions of Employment

- Security Clearance: Top Secret
- Submit to and pass a polygraph examination prior to your appointment
- Pass a drug test (urinalysis)
- Certify you have registered with the Selective Service System if you are a male applicant born after December 31, 1959, or certify you are exempt from having to do so under Selective Service law.

## HOW TO APPLY

### Instructions for Submitting Resumes and Applicable Documents

All resumes, unofficial college transcripts, and certifications should be submitted to [Chem@usss.dhs.gov](mailto:Chem@usss.dhs.gov) and include work experience in month/year format (MM/YYYY), reflecting starting date and ending date, and include the number of hours worked per week.

**Special Priority Selection rights under ICTAP:** Submit a copy of your agency notice, copy of your most recent performance appraisal (with at least a satisfactory rating), and your most current Notification of Personnel Action, SF-50 noting position, grade level, and duty location.

*Federal agencies must provide reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. Applicants requiring reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process should contact the agency directly. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.*

Equal Employment Opportunity Policy <https://www.opm.gov/about-us/our-people-organization/support-functions/equal-employment-opportunity/>

