



Physical Scientist (Public Notice Flyer)

Physical Scientist, GS-1301-13

- 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
- 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 forensic science activities in the Secret Service to include: analyses of questioned documents, fingerprints, false identification, credit cards, voice identification, and related forensic science areas; the administration of a polygraph examination program conducted in field offices nationwide; and the analysis and preparation of photographs/evidence for court appearances.

Duties

- Performs research and validation part of the quality assurance program; ensures critical elements are met to maintain status of the accrediting body; and ensures quality and conformance with lab policies and procedures.
- Provides complex technical examinations and develops solutions that would have practical application in forensic examinations.



- Serves as a team member/coordinator for teams dispatched to crime scenes; and collects, preserves and analyzes evidence while maintaining chain of custody and integrity of the evidence from collection to final disposition.
- Serves as an expert witness in court proceedings; plans, coordinates, and conducts technical research projects; and drafts and reviews reports, recommendations, standard operating procedures and guidelines.
- Conducts training for developmental level specialists; and serves as a technical expert and liaison.

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 experience such as:

GS-13: analyzing complex technical forensic analyses; serving as a team coordinator for laboratory audits; planning and coordinating method development projects to improve quality assurance within the laboratory; coordinating and conducting training for developmental level specialists; preparing written reports based on quality assurance matters; and testifying as an expert witness in the area of technical forensic discipline.

AND

OPMs Individual Occupational Requirements (IOR) is defined as:

<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/classification-qualifications/general-schedule-qualification-standards/1300/general-physical-science-series-1301/>



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 PhSci@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/>

