



**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE**  
invites applications for the position of:

## **Forensic Scientist-Latent Fingerprint**

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION EMPLOYER

**CLASS CODE:** FS-Latent/Fingerprint T,I,II,III  
**DEPARTMENT:** Police  
**DIVISION:** PD-Criminal Investigations  
**BARGAINING UNIT:** No Union  
**REQUISITION #:** 1901089  
**SALARY:** See Position Description  
**OPENING DATE:** 04/01/19  
**CLOSING DATE:** 05/01/19 11:59 PM

### **POSITION SUMMARY:**

Identify, examine, analyze, evaluate and interpret evidence in the investigation of crimes; use forensic science in the analysis of evidence in order to reach scientific conclusions in the area of Latent Fingerprints; effectively communicate results and findings, verbally and in writing, to the appropriate parties.

[Refer to the Crime Laboratory Director's Chart of Standards for specific criteria for Forensic Scientist - Latent Fingerprint series.](#)

**This is a safety sensitive position subject to random drug/alcohol testing.**

*Job descriptions are intended to present a general list of tasks/duties performed by employees within this job classification. Job Descriptions are not intended to reflect all duties performed within the job.*

### **MINIMUM EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE AND ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

*Education and experience directly related to the minimum requirements below may be interchangeable on a year for year basis.*

#### **Forensic Scientist Latent Fingerprint SCT – Trainee:**

Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in forensic science or physical science.

#### **Forensic Scientist Latent Fingerprint I SCI – Entry Level:**

Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in forensic science or physical science; plus one (1) year forensic scientist experience in the field of latent print analysis.

See the Crime Laboratory Director's Chart of Standards below for additional requirements in Laboratory Participation, Forensic Participation, and Discipline Expertise.

#### **Forensic Scientist Latent Fingerprint II SC2 – Journeyman Level:**

Master's degree from an accredited college or university in forensic science, chemistry, biology or physical science; plus three (3) years forensic scientist experience in the field of latent print analysis;

**OR**

Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in forensic science or physical science; plus

four (4) years forensic scientist experience in the field of latent print analysis plus discipline specific certification; **OR**

Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in forensic science or physical science; plus five (5) years forensic scientist experience in the field of latent print analysis.

See the Crime Laboratory Director's Chart of Standards below for additional requirements in Laboratory Participation, Forensic Participation, and Discipline Expertise.

**Forensic Scientist Latent Fingerprint III SC3 - Advanced Level:**

Master's degree from an accredited college or university in forensic science or physical science; plus eight (8) years forensic scientist experience in the field of latent print analysis; **OR**

Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in forensic science or physical science; plus ten (10) years forensic scientist experience in the field of latent print analysis.

See the Crime Laboratory Director's Chart of Standards below for additional requirements in Laboratory Participation, Forensic Participation, and Discipline Expertise.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LATENT FINGERPRINT SERIES**

Possession of a valid Driver's License or the ability to obtain by date of hire

Possession of a City Operator's Permit (COP) within 6 months from date of hire

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**PREFERRED KNOWLEDGE:**

- Examinations conducted by a Latent Fingerprint unit
- Theories and techniques of processing, classification and comparison of latent fingerprint-type evidence
- Examinations conducted by a Latent Fingerprint unit
- Use of equipment and accessories used in a latent fingerprint unit
- Use of Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS)
- Operations, services, procedures and activities of a forensic laboratory
- Crime scene investigations
- Methods and techniques of forensic evidence collection and evaluation
- Operation of forensic instruments, equipment and tools
- Operation of basic power and hand tools
- Occupational hazards and standard safety practices
- Pertinent Federal, State and local codes, laws and regulations
- Computers and various programs and data bases
- Scientific Working Group on Friction Ridge Analysis, Study and Technology (SWGFAST)
- International Association for Identification (IAI)
- American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS)
- American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors - Laboratory Accreditation Board, and other applicable quality assurance standards

**PREFERRED SKILLS & ABILITIES:**

- Successfully pass Form Blindness test
- Maintain appropriate visual discrimination and perception needed for making observations
- Define problems, collect data, establish facts and draw valid conclusions
- Recognize anomalies, formulate hypotheses and take appropriate action
- Perform forensic evidence collection, identification and analysis
- Operate a variety of forensic laboratory equipment and instruments in a safe and effective

manner

- Work independently in the absence of supervision
- Prepare complex technical written and verbal reports
- Establish and maintain effective professional working relationships
- Identify similarities and differences between shades, colors, shapes, sounds, forms, textures or physical appearance associated with job related objects, materials and tasks
- Interpret a variety of technical instructions
- Plan, organize and coordinate work assignments
- Communicate clearly and concisely
- Perform the essential functions of the job with or without reasonable accommodation

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APPLICATIONS MAY BE FILED ONLINE AT:

<http://CABQ.GOV>

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Albuquerque, NM 87103  
505 768-3700

[humanresouces@cabq.gov](mailto:humanresouces@cabq.gov)

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**Forensic Scientist-Latent Fingerprint Supplemental Questionnaire**

\* 1. Select the highest level of successfully completed related education as identified by the minimum requirements (if applicable, attach supporting degree or transcripts).

- No High School Diploma or GED
- High School Diploma or GED
- Non/degree accredited hours (some college)
- Associates
- Bachelors
- Masters
- Juris Doctorate
- Doctorate

\* 2. Select the number of years of work experience you possess which relates to the minimum requirements, if applicable, add verifiable time in a temporary upgrade status and/or volunteer experience when selecting number of years.

- No experience
- 1 to less than 6 months
- 6 to less than 12 months
- 1 year to less than 2 years
- 2 years to less than 3 years
- 3 years to less than 4 years
- 4 years to less than 5 years
- 5 years to less than 6 years
- 6 years to less than 7 years
- 7 years to less than 8 years
- 8 years to less than 9 years
- 9 years to less than 10 years
- 10 years to less than 11 years
- 11 years to less than 12 years
- 12 years to less than 13 years
- 13 or more years

\* 3. Do you possess a valid Driver's License or have the ability to obtain by date of hire?

- Yes
- No

\* Required Question