

INFORMATION ABOUT CAREERS IN FORENSIC SCIENCE AND AT THE CENTRE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES

Information about jobs with the Ontario Public Service is listed on the Ontario Government website at <http://www.gojobs.gov.on.ca/Jobs.aspx?Language=English>. If you select "Search" in the menu on the left side of the webpage you will be presented with a list of current job openings. Positions at the Centre of Forensic Sciences are posted on this website.

If you are interested in a career in forensic science, you should consider the various forensic disciplines and determine which one encompasses your strengths. Information about the various disciplines is available through a review of the professional forensic societies, such as the Canadian Society of Forensic Science or the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. Their websites are listed below:

- <http://www.csfs.ca/>
- <http://www.aafs.org/>

The Centre of Forensic Sciences focuses its work on the application of the following scientific disciplines to samples submitted by investigative agencies and clients from across Ontario: Chemistry, Biology, Electronics, Toxicology, Documents & Photography, and Firearms & Toolmarks. For further information, please refer to our website:

- http://www.mpss.jus.gov.on.ca/english/pub_safety/centre_forensic/about/intro.html

Both scientific and technical positions are available. Scientists provide testimony in the courts and at inquests as expert witnesses. Technologists conduct testing at the bench and operate a variety of instruments. The competition for positions is intense as the job is viewed as highly desirable and there are limited opportunities across Canada. There are less than 700 people working in forensic laboratories in Canada.

The best resource for information pertaining to forensic science generally is the Internet. Attached is a list of websites that will provide you with information. These sites contain links to other websites that outline the various disciplines within the science and opportunities that might be available for you to consider for the future.

- <http://www.forensics.ca/>
- <http://www.forensic-science.com/http://www.firearmsid.com/>
- <http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/Exhibitions/Myst/>
- <http://www.ascl-d-lab.org/aslab010.html>
- <http://forensic.to/forensic.html>
- http://www.nddb-bndg.org/main_e.htm
- <http://nobel.scas.bcit.ca/forensic/>
- <http://www.fbi.gov/hq/lab/labhome.htm>
- <http://www.forensicpage.com/>
- <http://www.afte.org/>