



Job Title: Chemist

Grade/Salary: CS-1320-11, Starting Salary \$74,893

Company: Department of Forensic Sciences (DFS)

Number of Openings: 1

Location: 401 E Street SW,
Washington, DC 20024

Tour of Duty: Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm

Benefits: Health Insurance
Dental Insurance
Life Insurance
Vision Insurance
401(a) & 457
Annual & Sick Leave

Job Description: The mission of the DFS is to provide high-quality, timely, accurate, and reliable forensic science services using best practices and best available technology, focusing on unbiased science and transparency, to enhance public safety and health. This position's duty station will be housed within the Consolidated Forensic laboratory (CFL) which is a protection-sensitive facility. As such, incumbents of this position shall be subject to criminal background checks, background investigations, and mandatory drug and alcohol testing, as applicable. The nature of the DFS mission necessarily involves the potential risks associated with biological or chemical hazards, including morgue functions. Although contact with these functions is intended to be minimal, the risks are nevertheless possible; training to recognize, address, and mitigate these risks is required as is dealing with potentially personally difficult topics, such as crime, death, and disease. The incumbent works under the supervision of a Supervisory Chemist of the Forensic Science Laboratory, who defines objectives to be achieved, and coordinates resources.

Performs a full range of chemical tests of known and unknown samples in a laboratory which include, but are not limited to, analyses of controlled substances, toxic material, and other substances of importance to the Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) Laboratory Program. Supports quality control and quality assurance for the drug chemistry laboratory, which involves participation in a Proficiency Testing Program. Assist with coordination or



advisement of personnel in test procedures for analyzing components and physical properties of materials; and confer with other scientists and chemists, etc., to conduct analyses of research projects, interprets the results, or develop nonstandard tests. Develops, improves, and customizes products, equipment, formulas, processes, and analytical methods; complies and analyzes test information to determine the process.

To Apply:

To be considered for this employment opportunity, you will be required to submit a formal application. Please visit the DC Careers website at: <https://careers.dc.gov> (reference Job ID #31481). We look forward to reviewing your application!