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INSTITUTE FOR FORENSIC SCIENCE AT TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY: The Institute for Forensic Science at Texas Tech University (TTU) invites applications for a Research Assistant Professor position. This is a non-tenure track faculty appointment in the institute which is housed in the College of Arts and Sciences at TTU. Scientific discipline is open, but candidates should have a Ph.D. or equivalent earned by August 2015. The anticipated starting date is August 19, 2015.

The primary responsibility of the successful candidate will be to contribute to the research mission of the institute; thus, applicants should have a strong, programmatic research focus with the potential to attract extramural research funding. Texas Tech has undertaken a major initiative that is enhancing our position as a national research university in Texas. TTU is currently in a major growth phase and a period of major opportunities for our faculty. The institution has a clear mandate, as described in our strategic plan, to work toward becoming a great public research university. Our intent is to bring to TTU an outstanding and collegial faculty who will fit into our academic culture, with a focus on funded research, excellent graduate and undergraduate mentoring and teaching, national service and engaged outreach. We seek a strong scientist from any area of forensic research focus; however, particular institute needs include emphasis in the use of forensic technology (e.g., fingerprint analysis, photo identification, computer analysis, forensic software). This position will contribute to the Masters of Science in Forensic Science program, so applicants should have the ability to teach effectively at the graduate level. Lastly, this position will be expected to provide professional services to local law enforcement (e.g., provide training, assist in crime scene investigation) and criminal justice agencies (e.g., training, forensic mental health assessments).

The Institute for Forensic Sciences (http://www.depts.ttu.edu/ifs/) at TTU was developed in 2002 as a multidisciplinary partnership within the Texas Tech University System (Texas Tech University, Texas Tech School of Law, and Texas Tech Health Sciences Center). The Institute provides support to law enforcement agencies, the judicial system, students and other law enforcement and criminal justice entities with forensic science needs by offering research and educational opportunities, training and services. As such we have effective working relationships with the Lubbock Police Department, Texas Tech Police Department, Lubbock County Sheriff’s Office, and many other local, national and federal criminal justice agencies. TTU is classified as a doctoral “research-extensive university” by the Carnegie Foundation and as a “national research university” by the State of Texas. TTU is growing rapidly and currently has over 33,000 students on the main campus and almost 5,000 students at the adjoining TTU Health Sciences Center campus. With a population of approximately 230,000 people, in an ethnically-diverse community, Lubbock is a pleasant city with a low cost of living, temperate climate, modern airport and infrastructure, and good school districts. To apply for this position, candidates must submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, statement of research interests, statement of professional service capabilities, sample reprints, 3 or more letters of recommendation, and any other materials that candidates think will be helpful, to our online application web site, at:
http://jobs.texastech.edu, under the above requisition number for each of the specialty areas. We
will begin reviewing applications on February 23, 2015, and will continue to review applications until the position is filled. Please direct questions about this position to: Dr. Robert Morgan, Search Committee Chair and Director, Institute for Forensic Science, robert.morgan@ttu.edu, 806-834-7117. As an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer, Texas Tech University is dedicated to the goal of building a culturally diverse faculty committed to teaching and working in a multicultural environment. We actively encourage applications from all those who can contribute, through their research, teaching, and/or service, to the diversity and excellence of the academic community at Texas Tech University. The university welcomes applications from minorities, women, veterans, persons with disabilities, and dual-career couples.