



Name of Organization: American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA)

Program: Forensic Accreditation Program

Summary of Available Positions:

In support of the A2LA forensic accreditation program, A2LA is seeking technical experts interested in the following voluntary positions:

1. Voluntary: A committee position on the Forensic Examination Advisory Committee (FEAC). All interested parties are encouraged to apply.

The Forensic Examination Advisory Committee (FEAC) reviews and approves all specific requirement documents for the A2LA forensic accreditation program. The FEAC is also called upon to assist in the review of proficiency testing results and to address technical concerns identified by A2LA, its accredited organizations, or FEAC members. The FEAC is a voluntary technical advisory group and membership is open to all interested parties. The FEAC meets twice a year on-site and via teleconference.

2. Voluntary: A position on the A2LA Accreditation Council (AC). Those with experience/training in ISO/IEC 17025 or ISO/IEC 17020 are encouraged to apply.

The A2LA Accreditation Council (AC) reviews assessment packages and provides final approval to accredit forensic organizations. The AC is a voluntary committee and all voting is performed via electronic ballot. The workload of each AC member is determined by that AC member and can be modified based on availability. Applicants must have a minimum of five years of experience working in a forensic facility and familiarity with either ISO/IEC 17025 or ISO/IEC 17020.

- Specific interest in those with the following experience: fire scene investigation, forensic engineering, trace analysis, and crime scene

2. Contract Position: A2LA Technical Assessor.

A2LA technical assessors are assigned to perform on-site assessments of applicants to ISO/IEC 17025 and/or ISO/IEC 17020 (as applicable) and forensic program specific requirements. Applicants must have 7 or more years of experience in a forensic discipline with an interest in performing 3 or more assessments per year. Areas needed:

- Fire Scene Investigation
- Forensic Engineering (electrical, structural)
- Next Generation DNA testing

Preference will be given to those with experience in two or more fields of forensic testing or crime scene analysis. Those selected as contracted assessors will be provided with

training in the international standard ISO/IEC 17025 and/or ISO/IEC 17020 (as applicable) and relevant A2LA policies and requirements. Compensation for contracted assessors includes a daily rate plus travel expenses. Travel is estimated at 2 to 4 days for each assessment, the number of trips being at the assessor's discretion.

To apply for a position on the FEAC, please email FEAC recording secretary and forensic program manager, Karin Athanas at kathanas@A2LA.org

To apply for a position on the AC, please email AC recording secretary, Adam Gouker at agouker@A2LA.org

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