



THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

With a population of over 10 million people, the County of Los Angeles (County) has more residents than any county in the nation, and within its boundaries are 88 cities. It is rich in cultural diversity and home to world-renowned museums, theaters, the nation's motion picture industry, major universities, and numerous five-star restaurants.

The County is governed by a five-member Board of Supervisors who are elected on a non-partisan basis and serve four-year terms. As the governing body, the Board of Supervisors serves as both the executive and legislative authority of the largest and most complex county government in the United States.

The County's annual budget for fiscal year 2013-14 was over \$26 billion, with funding for approximately 100,000 positions to serve its diverse population.

THE DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER

The Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner (MEC) investigates and determines the circumstances, manner and cause of all violent, sudden or unusual deaths occurring within the County. It has become one of the most technologically advanced offices in the world, due to the complexity of cases investigated, including numerous high profile cases. The Department's budget for fiscal year 2013-14 was over \$36 million with 217 budgeted positions.

CHIEF, FORENSIC LABORATORIES

The Position

The Chief of Forensic Laboratories oversees the Forensic Laboratory Bureau, and reports to the Chief Deputy Director. The incumbent is responsible for providing technical and administrative direction to personnel in the laboratory engaged in receiving, processing, analyzing, and interpreting of evidence. He or she must exercise knowledge of supervisory, organizational, and administrative principles; operations; personnel management; forecasting and planning; budget development; and employee relations principles, in order to direct the operations of the Bureau.

This position also requires that the incumbent be thoroughly familiar with sections of the Government Code pertaining to the Coroner's responsibilities and those provisions of the California Penal Code and the laws governing the rules of evidence sufficient to provide technical direction to subordinates.

The Forensic Laboratories Bureau

The Forensic Science Laboratories Bureau is responsible for the identification, collection, preservation, and analysis of physical and medical evidence associated with the MEC's cases. The Bureau's mission is to conduct comprehensive scientific investigations into the cause and manner of any death within the Department's jurisdiction. The Forensic Laboratory is fully accredited by the prestigious American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors-LAB, and the Forensic Blood Alcohol Testing Program is licensed by the State of California.



SALARY & BENEFITS

Annual Salary—\$94,434 – \$142,933 (MAPP Range —S11)

This position is subject to the provisions of the County's Management Appraisal and Performance Plan (MAPP). Placement within the range will be commensurate with candidate's qualifications and current salary.

Benefits: The County of Los Angeles provides an excellent benefit package that allows employees to choose benefits that meet their specific needs. The package includes:

Retirement Plan – The successful candidate will be eligible for participation in a contributory defined benefit plan. If the candidate is a “new member” of the County's defined benefit plan (LACERA) after January 1, 2013, that person's pensions will be limited under the Public Employees Pension Reform Act (PEPRA). For these purposes, a “new member” is someone who first becomes a member of LACERA after January 1, 2013 – that is, someone first employed by the County on or after December 1, 2012 – unless she or he established reciprocity with another public retirement system in which she or he was a member before January 1, 2013. Details on PEPRA will be provided on request. Upon retirement, the successful candidate may participate in a retiree healthcare benefits program. A new County employee hired after June 30, 2014, will be eligible to participate in the Los Angeles County Retiree Healthcare Benefits Program - Tier 2. Details on the Tier 2 program will be provided upon request.

Cafeteria Benefit Plan – Benefits may be purchased from the MegaFlex Cafeteria Benefit Plan using a tax-free County contribution of an additional 14.5% to 17% of the employee's monthly salary.

Non-Elective Days – Ten paid days per year with the option to buy an additional one to 20 elective annual leave days.

Flexible Spending Accounts – Employees may contribute up to \$200 per month tax-free to a Health Care Spending Account and \$400 per month tax-free to a Dependent Care Spending Account. The County contributes \$75 per month to the Dependent Care Spending Account.

Savings Plan (401k) – Optional tax-deferred income plan that may include a County matching contribution up to 4% of employee's salary.

Deferred Compensation Plan (457) – Optional tax-deferred income plan that may include a County matching contribution up to 4% of employee's salary.

Holidays – 11 paid days per year.

Job Requirements

A Doctorate degree from an accredited college with specialization in chemistry, biochemistry, toxicology, pharmacology, criminalistics, physics or biology and two years' experience supervising personnel in a forensic sciences laboratory -OR- A Master's Degree from an accredited college with specialization in chemistry, biochemistry, toxicology, pharmacology, criminalistics, physics, or biology and four years' experience supervising personnel in a forensic sciences laboratory.

Desirable Qualifications

- Experience supervising forensic science laboratory operations.
- Experience in laboratory protocol development, implementation of new programs and services, policies and procedures, staff training and development.
- Ability to develop short and long-term planning strategies and manage complex organizational projects.
- Experience analyzing and interpreting medico-legal investigation and physical evidence in scientific investigations.
- Experience testifying in court as an expert witness.
- Experience overseeing budgetary functions and administering research grants from Federal and State agencies.
- Experience compiling statistical data, writing scientific reports, rendering technical reports of findings.
- Experience representing an organization during laboratory accreditation inspections by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLAD/LAB).

Click on the following link: [ChfForLab](#) to view the complete, official job bulletin and to apply online. Hardcopies of the bulletin may be printed from www.hr.lacounty.gov.

Confidential inquiries may be directed to:

LAURA HEATON
County of Los Angeles
Department of Human Resources
lheaton@hr.lacounty.gov
213.974.2674 ph

Exam Number: A4358A

Bulletin Number: 40391BR

Recruitment services provided by the
Department of Human Resources



The County of Los Angeles is an active Equal Opportunity employer.