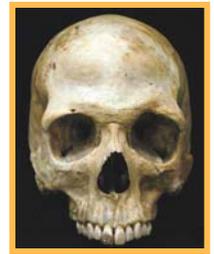




Forensic Anthropology in New York City

Visiting Scientist Opportunities

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THE OFFICE OF CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER

City of New York (OCME-NYC) is accepting applications for

Visiting Scientist positions in Forensic Anthropology

Each rotation will last for one month and will be available between September and May (break during June through August). It is anticipated that a total of 6 people will be selected each year. A monthly stipend will be supplied to assist with travel and living expenses. The National Institute of Justice—funded stipend is only available to United States citizens.

The OCME-NYC is the largest Medical Examiner's Office in the United States, responsible for cases in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx, and Staten Island. Due to NYC's high volume of cases, and particularly in light of the complex investigations associated with the 9/11 World Trade Center disaster, the OCME has developed the largest dedicated staff of forensic anthropologists in a medical examiners office.

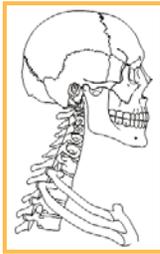
The Visiting Scientist Program is open to domestic and international graduate students and professionals within the field of Forensic Anthropology. The program is designed to provide training and professional development by providing access to hands-on experience. This program immerses participants in various aspects of day-to-day operations within a Medical Examiner's Office, with specific focus on the role of Forensic Anthropology. The Visiting Scientist works closely with members of the Forensic Anthropology Unit yet has continuous contact with other departments within the Medical Examiner's Office. A certificate of completion will be provided at the end of the rotation.



- The Visiting Scientist will attend autopsy rounds each morning, observing the medical examiners in the various approaches to the investigation and certification of cause and manner of death.
- Following morning rounds, the Visiting Scientist will observe and assist the forensic anthropologists with casework. This may involve the removal of hard tissue samples at autopsy, maceration of remains, constructing biological profiles, trauma analysis, histological analysis, and report writing.
- Opportunities may be available for participants to go to death scenes and to observe court testimony.
- There are tutorial sessions each afternoon, where staff pathologists, anthropologists, and other in-house experts present forensic topics specifically for the visiting residents, students, scientists.
- Each afternoon, the Visiting Scientist is invited to participate in the daily case discussions (“sign-out” rounds) between the senior staff of medical examiners and the forensic pathology fellows.
- Special weekly seminars (Grand Rounds) are held each Thursday where experts lecture on diverse topics related to the forensic sciences.

Funding

As part of National Institute of Justice grant funding (2009-NIJ-1942), a monthly stipend will be available for 6 participants each year. The **monthly stipend will total \$1,879.80 per participant**. This is intended to assist with expenses related to travel, housing, and meals/incidentals. The stipend is only available to United States citizens.



Requirements

Visiting Scientists in the Forensic Anthropology Program will be required to have started HEP A & B vaccination series and must provide proof of current health insurance. Appropriate OCME-NYC waivers must be signed. Visiting Scientists must be graduate students or professionals and have completed coursework in Human Osteology and Forensic Anthropology. Any course credit or continuing education credit resulting from this opportunity is to be coordinated between the Visiting Scientist and their college, university, or agency. Data collection for research projects may be possible; however, all projects must be approved by the OCME-NYC in advance.

Applications due by May 1, 2010!

Submit a current résumé and letter of interest (including the preferred month of participation). Graduate students are encouraged to also include a letter of support from their major professor. Material can be e-mailed to Dr. Bradley Adams, badams@ocme.nyc.gov or mailed to:

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