



## **JOB VACANCY NOTIFICATION #17-044**

## FORENSIC PATHOLOGY FELLOWSHIP

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation Medical Examiner Office in conjunction with Augusta University-Medical College of Georgia is seeking to fill two positions in their recently ACGME accredited Forensic Pathology Fellowship, starting July 1, 2017 as well as for future years.

**Organization:** Georgia Bureau of Investigation Medical Examiner Office in conjunction with Augusta University-Medical College of Georgia

**Work Location:** Decatur, GA (Greater Atlanta area)

**Dates of Fellowship:** July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

**Stipends:** The fellowship salary is competitive at the appropriate PGY level, and the benefits are those extended to other state employees, including health insurance, annual leave, sick leave, and retirement.

## **Fellowship Description:**

Under direct supervision of board certified forensic pathologist, the fellow will perform autopsies and postmortem examinations to determine cause and manner of death; attend death scenes in Clayton County; review postmortem radiographs for identification and trauma analysis, collect specimens for toxicology, submit and review histologic specimens, collect evidence to be disseminated to various laboratories and agencies; prepare reports of postmortem examination and autopsies; review pertinent documents such as medical records, police reports, toxicology reports and outside laboratory reports; and testify in court when called. The fellow will rotate within the different in-house sections of the crime lab as well as participate in daily morgue rounds and weekly departmental conferences. When there is a CAISC consult, the fellow will have the opportunity to participate in the meeting. When on call, the fellow must be available to assist the Death Investigation Specialists in triaging cases and approving or denying organ and tissue donation. The fellow will be afforded research opportunities through the Department of Pathology, AU-MCG and an opportunity to attend a national meeting.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation Medical Examiner's Office provides complete forensic pathology services to 153 of Georgia's 159 counties in deaths which qualify as coroner cases under the Georgia Death Investigation Act. Autopsies are conducted by GBI medical examiners at the headquarters laboratory in Decatur and in the regional laboratories in Macon and Savannah. Staff at the headquarters medical examiner's office consists of 10 medical examiners

and 16 death investigation specialists. Two of the medical examiners at the headquarters lab have specialty training in pediatric pathology and one has specialty training in forensic neuro and cardiac pathology. The Child Abuse Investigative Support Center (CAISC) and Child Fatality Review (CFR) are housed within the ME Office and consults on both live cases and death cases. The GBI ME Office has consultants in forensic anthropology, odontology, neuropathology, clinical child abuse specialists, radiology, pediatric pathology and entomology. Pathology residents from Augusta University Medical College of Georgia and pediatric pathology fellows and child abuse fellows from Children's Healthcare of Atlanta rotate through the ME office. The GBI ME office is within a crime lab accredited by ASCLD-LAB to the ISO 17025 Standard and has in-house chemistry, firearms, biology, implied consent, latent prints, toxicology and trace evidence.

## **Requirements:**

The applicant must possess a M.D. D.O. equivalent degree and be board eligible in Anatomic Pathology or Anatomic/Clinical Pathology prior to starting fellowship. The applicant must be eligible to obtain a valid license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia prior to the commencement of the fellowship. Selected candidate must be able to work a flexible schedule to meet the needs of the office which will require working weekends (1x/month) and/or holidays. The fellow must also be available to receive and respond to telephone inquiries from home, while acting in an on-call status. A further background check may be required through the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. The applicant must be physically capable of performing autopsies and post-mortem examinations and be able to prepare presentations for office meetings. The applicant must have a valid driver's license. Office cars are available for scene investigations and travel to court.

**Applications:** The <u>Standardized Application for Pathology Fellowships</u> from the College of American Pathologists, 3 current letters of recommendation (one of which must be from your Program Director), and ECFMG certification should be submitted. AU/MCG Housestaff Policies are available for review on the Graduate Medical Education <u>website</u>.

For further information and to submit the completed application and additional required documents (see application coversheet) contact: Allegra Blair, Pathology Fellowship Coordinator, Augusta University (AU)-Medical College of Georgia (MCG) 706-721-5118 (O) · 706-721-2358 (F) ablair@augusta.edu

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