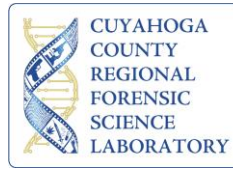




Cuyahoga County  
Medical Examiner's Office



## Fingerprints Internship Program

### General Information

The Fingerprint Laboratory of the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office and Cuyahoga County Regional Forensic Crime Laboratory has an internship program which provides an introduction to the Friction Ridge Discipline with minor exposure to other forensic disciplines (Trace Evidence, Toxicology, DNA, Photography, Death Scene Investigation and Pathology). The program is ideally structured to meet the needs of Forensic Science majors that require an internship as part of their core curriculum or students wishing to pursue a career in Friction Ridge Examination. The program will provide students an opportunity to observe the day to day operations of a Fingerprint Laboratory.

### Description of Program

This is a hands-on Internship where the student will be introduced to the discipline of Friction Ridge Examination. Interns will be exposed to various aspects of Friction Ridge examination in a laboratory setting including, but not limited to, the examination of evidence for the detection of friction ridge impressions, preservation of friction ridge impressions, comparison of friction ridge impressions and the recording of fingerprint impressions from both living and deceased individuals.

In addition to the academic requirements mandated by the Intern's educational institution, the Intern may be asked to complete a research project and/or presentation..

### Eligibility

The unpaid internship typically requires the student to work from 16-40 hours a week. The length of internship is dictated by the student's academic institution and is negotiable with the student's schedule. Most programs require an internship of approximately 400 hours, which usually occurs in the summer; a ten week program. Students must be currently enrolled in an accredited academic program with at least a Junior standing or in graduate school. The student should be working on a degree in the natural sciences (e.g. biology, chemistry, toxicology, biochemistry, etc.), applied sciences (e.g., medical sciences, forensic science,

etc.) or criminal justice. Students must be in good academic standing with their University. The student must pass a background check and drug screen before beginning work at CCMEO. Students must be covered by college, university or personal liability insurance and provide documentation of coverage. In the unlikely event of injury while at work, CCMEO does not assume liability. All appropriate vaccinations must be up to date.