Applications are invited for a full-time Forensic Pathologist position with the Hamilton Regional Laboratory Medicine Program (HRLMP). The Forensic Pathology Unit is a sub-specialty of the Anatomic Pathology section of the HRLMP and is geographically located at the General Hospital Site of Hamilton Health Sciences. The Unit has three full-time forensic pathologists, with academic appointments in the Department of Pathology and Molecular Medicine, McMaster University. As part of our Regional Laboratory Medicine Program, support is available from all other branches of laboratory medicine including in-house consultation with Neuropathology and Cardiovascular Pathology.

The geographical area served has a population of over 1.5 million, and extends from Halton in the east, Kitchener-Waterloo in the west, Guelph in the north and Niagara Falls in the south. The combination of heavy industry, urban, farming, recreational and seasonal communities presents a unique experience of cases. Annually, 650-700 complete autopsies are performed with a large cross-section of experience in suicides, natural deaths, accidents (especially industrial), motor vehicle traumas, pediatric deaths, complex in-hospital and medical legal investigations, nursing home deaths, psychiatric institutional deaths, correctional and other in-custody deaths and 30-40 homicides. Giving testimony in provincial criminal courts and coroners’ courts is expected.

The successful candidate is expected to teach medical students, residents in pathology and clinical programs, as well as representatives of law enforcement agencies and the judiciary. The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada has approved the Department for accredited fellowship. Participation in teaching such trainees is mandatory. Interested candidates should have RCPSC specialty certification or equivalent in either Anatomic or General Pathology, additional training in Forensic Pathology with certification and be eligible for medical licensure in Ontario. Canadian candidates are required to pass the RCPSC subspecialty examination in Forensic Pathology within two years of appointment and must be eligible for registration as a Category A forensic pathologist in the Province of Ontario.

Interested candidates are invited to submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of three referees to:

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All interested and qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Hamilton Regional Laboratory Medicine Program and McMaster University are committed to employment equity and welcome applications from all qualified persons. The position will remain open until filled.