

# forensic science



## VISION

To promote justice for all and integrity through forensic science.

## MISSION

The American Academy of Forensic Sciences is a global, multidisciplinary membership community that provides collaborative research, quality education, and recognized leadership to advance forensic science to inform its application to the law.

## VALUES

- Integrity
- Leadership and Public Awareness
- Scientific Rigor
- Collaboration and Excellence
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Engagement and Connectivity



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“ I would not exchange this experience for the world. Membership in the Academy has informed my practice throughout my career. I value the collegiality, the networking, the cross pollination among sections, and the feeling of community provided by the Academy for all forensic scientists across the globe.”

Laura Fulginiti, PhD.  
AAFS President

## OUR MEMBERSHIP

Our multidisciplinary scientific membership provides opportunities and tools to maximize professional development, grow personal contacts, and engage with peers within the forensic science community. Our AAFS members represent all 50 United States and 70+ other countries. Our membership is organized within 12 sections (disciplines), supplying access to valuable resources within specific areas of forensic science. Through new research, the development of new standards, and the adaptation of a modern world, our members are leading the progression of forensic science.

More: [aafs.org/membership](https://aafs.org/membership)

### MEMBERSHIP SECTIONS

Anthropology | Criminalistics | Digital & Multimedia Sciences  
Engineering & Applied Sciences | Forensic Nursing Science  
General | Jurisprudence | Odontology | Pathology/Biology  
Psychiatry & Behavioral Science | Questioned Documents  
Toxicology

### MEMBERSHIP STATUSES

Student Affiliate	Retired Member
Trainee Affiliate	Fellow
Associate Member	Retired Fellow
Member	Professional Affiliate

Create an AAFS account to receive information about upcoming resources, recent happenings, news, and more in our weekly newsletter!

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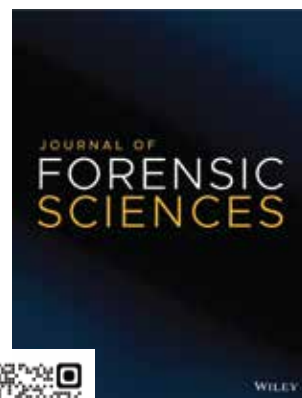
**JFS**  
JOURNAL OF  
FORENSIC SCIENCES

The *Journal of Forensic Sciences (JFS)* is the official publication of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS). It is devoted to the publication of original investigations, observations, scholarly

inquiries, and reviews in various branches of the forensic sciences. The goal of *JFS* is to strengthen the scientific foundation of forensic science in legal and regulatory communities around the world.

**JFS receives approximately 1,000 submissions annually from forensic scientists in more than 60 countries**, the vast majority of which undergo peer review by the *JFS* Editorial Board Members and Guest Reviewers. The *JFS* Leadership Team includes an Editor-in-Chief, nine Associate Editors, and a Managing Editor.

*JFS* is one of the leading forensic science journals globally. **It is consistently ranked as the number one membership benefit of AAFS.**



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The Forensic Sciences Foundation, Inc., founded in 1969, is a nonprofit organization studying the application of science to the resolution of social and legal issues.

In 1973, the Foundation became affiliated with the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, a professional membership organization of forensic scientists. The Foundation is now the **educational, scientific, and research arm of the Academy.**



**FSF**  
FORENSIC SCIENCES  
FOUNDATION

### Award, Grant, and Scholarship Opportunities

- Warren-Young Scholarship
- Field and Lucas Research Grants
- Jan Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Assistance Grant
- Student Affiliate Scholarship
- Henry Lee Scholarship for International AAFS Conference Attendees
- Emerging Forensic Scientist Award
- Student Travel Grant



**ASB**  
ACADEMY  
STANDARDS BOARD

The AAFS Standards Board (ASB) is an ANSI-accredited Standards Developing Organization with the purpose of providing accessible, high-quality science-based consensus forensic standards. The ASB is

a wholly owned subsidiary of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS), established and accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) in 2015. The ASB consists of 14 Consensus Bodies (CB), which are open to all materially interested and affected individuals, companies, and organizations; a Board; and Staff.

**Over 300 volunteers work to create standards, best practice recommendations, and technical reports.** The CB members embrace the AAFS position that diversity and inclusion provide an improved environment through shared values, which benefits the greater forensic science community. The ASB regularly collaborates with other organizations to increase awareness of forensic science standards, provide training on their standards, and promote their implementation by forensic laboratories and the broader criminal justice community.







Acknowledging the importance of an accreditation system for academic programs, the AAFS in 2002 established an ad hoc committee, called Forensic

Education Programs Accreditation Committee (FEPAC). In 2004, FEPAC became an official standing committee of the AAFS and awarded its first accreditation February 2004.

**Today, FEPAC accredits 53 programs in 42 institutions.**



**FEPAC**  
FORENSIC SCIENCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
ACCREDITATION COMMISSION

FEPAC promotes academic quality through formal accreditation of forensic science programs. FEPAC accredits forensic science education programs that lead to a bachelor's or master's degree in forensic science or in a natural or computer science with a forensic science concentration.

#### The purposes of FEPAC are to:

- Use the National Institute of Justice Technical Working Group for Education and Training in Forensic Science (TWGED) curriculum guidelines to develop, implement, maintain, and enhance rigorous, consensus educational standards for undergraduate and graduate programs;
- Develop and to implement well-defined procedures for evaluating forensic science programs; and
- Encourage self-evaluation and continual improvement of forensic science education programs through the accreditation process.

## YFSF

The Young Forensic Scientist Forum (YFSF) provides students and young professionals with less than five years of experience an opportunity to network, collaborate, and learn from fellow peers and experts in the field. The YFSF prepares people for a successful career in their discipline of choice and allow them to look from the outside-in as they evaluate themselves and their future impact on forensic science. Our mission is to **provide education, mentorship, and resources** to students and burgeoning forensic scientists to promote interest and longevity in the field and encourage participation and advancement in the AAFS.



#### YOUNGFORENSICSCIENTISTSFORUM

## MENTORSHIPPROGRAM

The AAFS mentorship program is designed to connect newer members of the forensic science community with experienced members to strengthen the community as a whole, prepare newer members for their career, **set expectations, and provide guidance.**

To be a mentor or mentee, you must be a member of American Academy of Forensic Sciences.



# HHRRC

The Humanitarian and Human Rights Resource Center (HHRRC) seeks to utilize the assets of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) to **promote the application of contemporary forensic science and forensic medicine principles** to global humanitarian and/or human rights projects requiring special assistance. The Center is funded in part through the National Institute of Justice's FTCoE.



## HUMANITARIAN AND HUMAN RIGHTS RESOURCE CENTER

# AAFSCONNECT



AAFS Connect is the official on-demand media platform of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. Our on-demand video library serves as an additional **educational resource to the forensic science community that can be accessed year-round.**

The platform features both free and paid content that has been made available following the presentation of a live webinar. Among the free content, AAFS Connect features:

- Standards related webinars funded through a cooperative agreement with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), which provides funds to AAFS to develop training, tools, and resources
- Webinars from the AAFS International Affairs Committee (IAC) – Global Collaboration of Forensic Scientists (GCFS) series
- Seminars from the "Forensic Lab Talks" series produced by the *JFS* and Wiley
- and more

Paid AAFS Connect content derives directly from the AAFS Annual Scientific Conference, and webinars presented by AAFS members.

# AAFSEANNUAL SCIENTIFICCONFERENCE

The AAFS is most well known around the globe for the AAFS Annual Scientific Conference that has been hosting thousands of forensic scientists since its establishment in 1948.

Members and non-members of the Academy gather in a different city every February to attend workshops, scientific sessions, business meetings, networking events, and much more.

