



## CUYAHOGA COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE

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## Forensic Photography Internship Program

### General Information

The Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office has established an internship program within the Photography Unit that will accommodate two interns per academic year. This is a hands-on internship experience in which the student will work with deceased humans, evidence, clothing, vehicles, and sometimes death scenes. The qualified student will be given opportunity to work alongside the staff of the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office while studying forensic photography. This unpaid internship opportunity requires the student to work 8 hours a week (with flexibility to accommodate the student's schedule) for one academic year. The unit will have 2 interns, starting six months apart. Applications must be received by November 1st for the intern beginning in January, and by May 1st for students starting in July.

### Description of Program

Students will be taught the photographic procedures currently in use and being developed by the Division of Photography. These techniques include, but are not limited to, flash-on camera photography, studio photography, crime scene photography, alternative light source photography, photomicrography, infrared photography, spherical photography, VR scene and object creation, post-capture processing, image enhancement techniques, file management, color correction and calibration, and digital printing. Ideally, all photographic instruction is to be hands-on. During the initial training period students will shadow or work under the direct supervision of staff forensic photographers. As they demonstrate proficiency, students will begin to operate more independently and will work alongside forensic pathologists, scientists, investigators, and other personnel.

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### Additional Requirements

- 1) Complete a CCMEO Forensic Photography Internship Program application,
- 2) Obtain the following documents;
  - a. Copy of internship requirements provided by academic department
  - b. Intern evaluation form(s) provided by academic department

- 3) Send the completed application, along with the above documents to;

Forensic Photography Internship Program  
Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office  
11001 Cedar Ave.,  
Cleveland, OH 44106

Or

Fax documents to: (216) 698-6625

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- 4) Prepare a **printed portfolio** of still photographs.
- 5) Selected applicants will be subject to an in-person interview and portfolio review.

### Questions

Email: [jwentzel@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:jwentzel@cuyahogacounty.us)

Phone: (216) 698-4615

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## Application & Essay

Name (First, M.I., Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### University or College Information

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ G.P.A.: \_\_\_\_\_

Internship Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Please attach you answer to the following question.**

- 1. Photography has been described as a blend of both art and science. Successful photographers tend to be slightly better at one over the other. In your opinion is this true or false? If true, which do you see as your strength, art or science? Why?**