

Opportunity Title: Enhanced Raman Microscopy Identification of Biological and Chemical Materials on Solid Samples

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Application Deadline 2/28/2023 6:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

Description **Research Topic Description, including Problem Statement:**

Methods for the non-destructive identification, characterization, and localization of biological and chemical materials on solid samples is lacking for forensic applications. While there are many methods available for the identification of biological and chemical substances on the surface of forensic samples, these methods typically destroy or leave a visible indication that the surface has been modified for analysis.

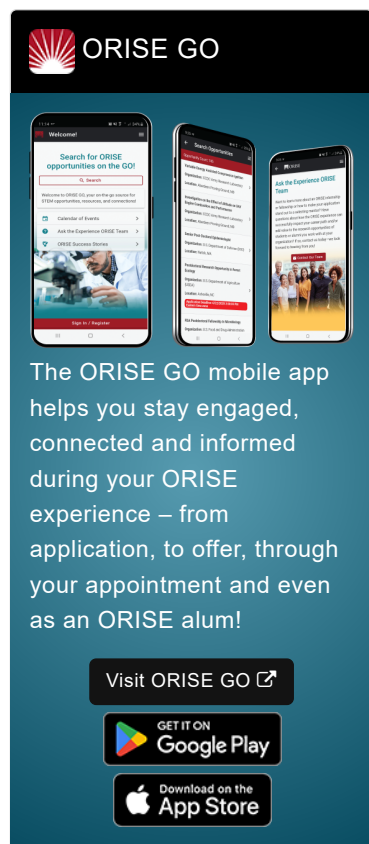
Example Approaches:

This project involves expansion of current Raman microscopy methods used for the non-destructive identification of biological and chemical materials on the surface of forensics samples. A variety of laser sources will be utilized to identify and localize different types of biological materials, including proteins, nucleic acids and lipids, as well as chemical substances such as petroleum products, powder residues and other relevant materials on the surface of samples. The capability for the non-destructive analysis solid samples has wide applications in forensics.

Relevance to the Intelligence Community (IC):


This appointment is to develop processes for Raman microscopy. Imaging of solid object prior to biological or chemical analysis allows focused analysis of high value items prior to any destructive analysis. Raman microscopy systems have advanced in recent years and could be implemented in a variety of facilities.


Key Words: #Raman Microscopy, #Forensics, #Chemicals, #Biological Materials




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Qualifications **Postdoc Eligibility**

- U.S. citizens only
- Ph.D. in a relevant field must be completed before beginning the appointment and within five years of the application deadline
- Proposal must be associated with an accredited U.S. university, college, or U.S. government laboratory
- Eligible candidates may only receive one award from the IC Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program

Research Advisor Eligibility

- Must be an employee of an accredited U.S. university, college or U.S. government laboratory
- Are not required to be U.S. citizens

Eligibility Requirements

- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
- **Degree:** Doctoral Degree.
- **Discipline(s):**
 - **Chemistry and Materials Sciences** ([12](#))
 - **Communications and Graphics Design** ([3](#))
 - **Computer, Information, and Data Sciences** ([17](#))
 - **Earth and Geosciences** ([21](#))
 - **Engineering** ([27](#))
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