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B33 Institutional Support for Forensic Science Educational Programs: A Survey

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After attending this presentation, attendees will learn how forensic science educational programs are supported by their institutions and learn ways to help improve the funding situation

This presentation will offer to the forensic science community, for the first time, information about how our forensic science education programs are faring financially and where the gaps are and what can be done to help in the future.

There has been a lot of discussion at AAFS meetings and at other forums about how poorly forensic science education programs are funded relative to other science based programs at US colleges and universities. There is not enough money for faculty, instrumentation, graduate assistants, grants, research, etc. But what is the real situation? How are forensic science educational programs funded and how well? A survey was conducted among 46 colleges and universities that self identified as having a bachelors degree or masters degree program. The survey looked at staffing levels, graduate student support, equipment, travel and grant and research support. The results are presented along with implications and suggestions for the future.

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