DIGITAL FORENSICS CRIME LAB

Utah Tech University's Digital Forensics Crime Lab helps solve criminal cases while also giving students valuable hands-on learning experiences. With a team of current and former law enforcement personnel and nationally recognized experts in cellular telephony on staff, Utah Tech students get to work alongside industry experts, ultimately helping uncover forensic results for real-life investigations throughout the State of Utah and beyond.

TYPES OF CASES WORKED (SINCE APRIL 2022)

TOTAL CASES WORKED AT THE DFCL LAB SINCE INCEPTION:

1,648





SERVING NEARLY 70% OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN LITAH

97% OF RESPONDING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES REPORTED INVESTIGATING CRIMES INVOLVING DIGITAL EVIDENCE.

(Based on a statewide survey conducted by the Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs)

AVERAGE CASE TURNAROUND TIME

INDUSTRY AVERAGE -

5 TO 9+ MONTHS OR LONGER

UT DFCL AVERAGE -

13 DAYS

ASSISTING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

DRUGS - 57%

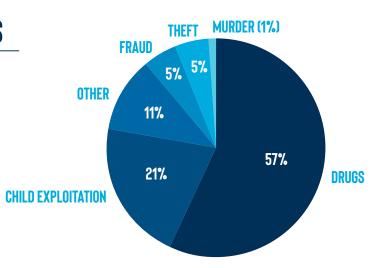
CHILD EXPLOITATION - 21%

OTHER - 11%

FRAUD - 5%

THEFT-5%

MURDER - 1%



CAREER-READY STUDENTS

AS PART OF UTAH TECH'S POLYTECHNIC MISSION, DFCL STUDENT-INTERNS GAIN THE EXPERIENCE AND CONNECTIONS THEY NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR CAREERS.

"This internship has brought me many new experiences, including the oppurtunity to visit other universities across the world and learn about similar programs. Because of this internship and the guidance of the lab director, I already have many oppurtunities for jobs in law enforcement and other similar fields when I graduate."



Kylie Buchanan, Utah Tech Senior
 Criminal Justice Major & DFCL Intern

"This internship gave me life-changing experiences and oppurtunities to meet people I would love to work with in the future. I feel more prepared to enter this field than I would have ever imagined."



Riley Douglas, Utah Tech Junior
 Criminal Justice Major & DFCL Intern

"This internship has helped push the bounds of my education well beyond what is taught in a traditional classroom."



 Emma Mancuso, Utah Tech Sophmore Criminal Justice Major & DFCL Intern

THE DFCL INTERN PROGRAM BEGAN IN 2012 WITH ONE INTERN AND HAS SINCE GROWN TO SIX IN 2023. FOUR INTERNS ARE ALREADY SIGNED UP FOR 2024 AND FIVE MORE ARE WAITLISTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPPORTUNITY.