

This message will be sent via email to groups of staff and students based at WSU's Hawkesbury Campus:

"The Forensic Science research team based at Western Sydney's Hawkesbury Campus is undertaking a program of research into the chemical composition and detection of latent fingermarks. The chemical composition of latent fingermarks can vary significantly depending on age, gender, occupation, diet, etc. As such, we need to collect and analyse fingermarks from a broad range of individuals so that we can capture the variations that would be expected across the general adult population. We are seeking staff and student volunteers who would be willing to deposit their fingermarks on a range of different substrates. Reference fingerprints will also be collected for comparison purposes.

Participation is entirely voluntary and no response to this email is required if you choose not to provide samples for this research.

If you are interested in providing samples for this research, please email a member of the research team:

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On receipt of your email, a meeting will be arranged so that further information can be provided before formal consent is requested and samples collected.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of this request."