



Technician or Post-Doctoral Associate in Blueberry Nutrition

Position overview: The Small Fruit Horticulture Laboratory at the University of Florida is looking to recruit a junior scientist at the Post-Doctoral Associate or Agricultural Technician level. The selected candidate will conduct blueberry nutrition research in two commercial farms in north-central Florida. This research is part of an ongoing effort leading to nitrogen fertilization recommendations for commercial blueberry production in the state.

The selected candidate will be responsible for treatment delivery and data collection to measure the effects of nitrogen fertilizer rate on blueberry plant growth, fruit yield, and fruit quality. The candidate will regularly visit the research sites to maintain their integrity and functionality, manage a small harvest crew during harvest season, and draft project reports. The selected candidate will also present their research at scientific and grower conferences and co-author peer-reviewed articles.

This opening is available immediately, and funding is guaranteed for 1 year. Application review will begin on August 17th and continue until the position is filled. Due to this accelerated timeline, candidates who currently reside overseas will not be considered.

Our laboratory: Our lab culture is inclusive, hyper-connected, and collegial. We pride ourselves in performing rigorous science in a collaborative environment. Our team benefits from constant collaboration with blueberry growers and scientists from multiple disciplines (plant physiologists, production specialists, and plant breeders). More details about lab expectations can be found in our mentoring compact (www.nunez-lab.com/people).

Candidate profile: Graduates from any Master of Science or PhD program in an agriculture-related discipline that can clearly articulate why they want to pursue research in this area will be considered. Applicants with prior research or work experience in berry crop production are especially encouraged to apply. The ideal candidate for this position is someone who 1) has the ability to work independently, 2) exhibits superior oral and written communication, and 3) is a fast learner and problem solver. A valid driver's license is essential for the job.

Application Process: Please, contact Dr. Gerardo Nunez (g.nunez@ufl.edu) as soon as possible if you are interested in this opportunity. Applications will be reviewed starting on August 17th, 2026. Please, include these documents in your email:

- A summary of relevant work, and/or research experience
- Your availability to start work in Gainesville, Florida
- A copy of your resume
- Contact information of 3 professional references
- A writing sample (scientific article, academic essay, thesis, or similar). It is important that generative AI is not used in this writing sample.