

# Lipman Family Companies

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To: Undergraduate/Graduate Career Coordinator or Dept. Chairman

From: Dr. S. Mark Barineau

Date: 5/12/2011

Subject: **Research Assistant I Position Open at LFC—Estero, FL**

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Dear Colleague:

LFC, one of the largest grower/shipper/packers of vegetables in the United States has an immediate opening in our Tomato R&D program for a Research Assistant I. We are seeking a highly capable, enthusiastic individual with a well-rounded, plant related education to fill this position. A B.S. degree is suitable. This is a key breeding/research oriented position and requires the individual to be precise, highly organized, self-starting and an apt problem solver. Bilingual in Spanish/English is highly desirable. **Candidates must be eligible to permanently work in the United States at the time of application and must provide proof of authorization to work in the United States.**

The position is currently open and will be filled as soon as a suitable candidate is found. Please feel free to pass the attached announcement on to other departments where qualified individuals interested in such a position may see it and contact us.

As LFC frequently has other positions open during the year, we would like to obtain the email addresses of both graduate and undergraduate career coordinators for further communications or job announcements for your students in the various agriculture related departments. Please forward their email contact information to [markb@sixls.com](mailto:markb@sixls.com)

Thanks for you assistance in this matter.

Best regards.

**Lipman Family Companies**  
**R&D Division, Estero, FL U.S.A.**

**Tomato Research Assistant I Position:**

The Lipman family has been in the produce business since the late 1940's and operates the largest vertically integrated, private tomato grower/packer/shipper operation in the United States. Lipman Family Companies have both seasonal and year-round vegetable operations in Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Arizona, Maryland, Arkansas, and California. Our vision is to be the premier provider of safe, quality produce through strategically placed farming, packing, sales and distribution networks serving major wholesale, retail and food service establishments throughout North America. An aggressive, highly experienced R&D division has been formed to support the entire business channel with innovative new products.

LFC's Research and Development Division is located in Estero, FL in close proximity to the Naples/Fort Myers metropolitan area. We currently have an opening for a **Research Assistant I**. This position will assist the tomato breeding team in all aspects of field, lab and greenhouse cropping and experimentation, record keeping, plant selection, seed inventory maintenance, seed multiplication/processing, hybridization, marker and pathology screening as well as other related activities including close supervision/training of technical and seasonal staff. Employee will interact with LFC staff, outside collaborators and customers.

The qualified candidate should possess at least two years of applied experience in a closely related technical support role and two plus years of hands-on experience involving greenhouse operations or transplant production techniques. Excellent computer skills are essential. An A.A or B.S. in Horticulture or similar discipline is preferred; however, those with equivalent industry level experience may also qualify. Training in plant pathology, entomology and genetics is desirable. Strong organizational and leadership skills are keys for success. Seasonal travel is required. Bilingual skills (Spanish/English) are important. LFC offers a competitive salary, bonus and benefits package. . Qualified candidates should send application and resume with references to [mjimenez@sixls.com](mailto:mjimenez@sixls.com) or fax to 239-657-9764.

Candidates must be eligible to work in the United States at the time of application and must provide proof of authorization to work in the United States. The company is not participating in documentation programs for this position and will not assist candidates in obtaining proper authorization to work in the United States.