

ASA Master's Survey Results - Qualitative

ASA 2017-2018 Masters Follow-Up Survey

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They help with resume formatting.

Helped me to form my CV, prepare for interviewing questions, and make the job search more efficient.

Career counseling was limited, such as vocal advice of building a resume, some online job portals and topics to search for(such as focusing on entry level jobs and etc) all the advices are pretty much just common sense!:)

A lot of help with building a resume and cover letter, as well as the ability to practice interviews.

They don't understand each field well enough. They don't understand the situation of international students working in the US well enough either.

Conducted sessions on career guidance and the guides were from the industry

They have weekly workshops helping us with resume. cover letter, mock interviews, and etc. And we can book sessions with them to discuss specific questions. The director Joan J Anson helped me so much through this process. I was confused and worried when I started. She helped me gained confidence along the way. I really appreciate her help.

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It gave me good starting point.

I went there for CV revisions. And they provided some valuable suggestions.

It provides personalized suggestion and advice for individual student specifically including career planning and so on.

They offer several resources for honing interview skills and perfecting resumes/CVs.

It provided a lot of information for potential employers

Resume updates.

They brought in people from a variety of companies and universities to give talks as well as network. They also prioritized internships and real data experience so they made sure all students were able to get both of those experienced!

Our career center was catered to the our department. Career coach knew students on personal level and had many connections and social skill tips for interviewing.

You will learn much about how to do elevator speech and make connection with employers.

Gave some useful interviewing tips

I went when trying to understand my salary and if I should negotiate. They left it up to me, which was okay, but not great help.

Their guidance went as far as the basics of writing a resume or cover letter. I have understood and developed these skills since I was in high school. There was not as much guidance in the fundamentals of conducting a job search, particularly given my situation.

Resume Editing

somewhat helpful on resume, but no professional advise

My on-campus career center helped me sharpen my resume and interview skills. Practice interviews with my career counselor helped me feel more confident and prepared for my job interviews.

I was an online student and it was basically a job board.

The career center reviewed my resume and made edit suggestions.

Made it easy to search for open positions

I got the advice from on-campus career counseling center on my resume but the people who gave me the advice are not stats-related, could only give me some general suggestions about formats or something.

The center played a pivotal role in helping me design a vastly improved resume to use for applying to jobs.

My graduate school's career counseling gave me tips on how to write my resume and cover letter, how to improve my interviewing skills, and how to increase my chances on getting an interview.

They were marginally helpful at helping me create an updated resume, but were useless at helping with a CV.

didn't utilize them so much for finding my current job, but very useful for preparing to apply for and enter a MD/PhD academic program. knowing my background of biostatistics, they had tailored advice for me

The center helped me with resume building and LinkedIn work.

They provide general job-seeking skills such as resume, cover latter and interview preparation. However, there is no long-term career management. MS degree is short, many preparations (finding an intern, specializing skills) shall start at the very beginning.

Never came for help.

no career fair hold by our college at all

They helped me get headshots for free, edited my cover letter and resume, went through my LinkedIn with me, posted helpful links on their website, and had a good site for jobs.

- Great interview advice - Resume help

The employer in the career center don't know what the industry look like, can't provide helpful suggestions.Few opportunities offered related our field. No connection with alumni.

Their recruitment fairs were very good to see which industries are hiring for statisticians and data analysts.

Getting someone to carefully review my CV was helpful

Staff is nice and knowledgeable.

It provides general job hunting tips, even though not specifically targeted in the statistics career pursuing, it's still very helpful for me. I think statistics knowledge is what makes you stand out from other competitors, but those general senses are the key to entering the game.

A lot of the information was stuff I knew already. But that's because I've been in the job search process before and I do a lot of self-learning

They were not all that knowledgeable in finding industry positions with a Biostatistics background.

nothing specific to add here

They held practice interviews and reviewed resumes.

There are only two employees for all graduate students. They are good but they can't be specialized in everything.

Representatives from the career center come speak with our student organization and provide tips.

One on one appointments were very helpful

Provide job resources and help with resume

They provided interview skills training, modify resume and cover letter, organize career fair.

I tried to seek help for improving my resume, but the communication was through email and I did not feel it helped a lot.

Counselors simply referred me to the school website where companies have advertised job openings. But most of these job openings are useless since they are targeting undergraduate students.

At that point I was fairly sure I would continue to a doctoral program anyway, but most of the general School of Public Health career advice/events are geared towards fields other than biostatistics

They HD some interesting events where they took a few students to some companies in the area to talk about what kind of positions a statistics student could get that I found very interesting.

They helped me with resume tweaks.

Brought in prospective employers.

Provided opportunities to visit companies and learn about jobs available in my field.

They were more prepared to assist students working towards an MPH in a less technical field. As a technical MS student, the school of public health career office had limited opportunities in mind for me.