

ASA Master's Survey Results - Qualitative

ASA 2017-2018 Masters Follow-Up Survey

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Not enough experience for some job opportunities; Not well prepared for the interviewed; Always not so much application had feedback.

Not having a published research or a related field experience

Not having 2 full years of experience before being laid off.

Always fail at hiring manager interview and the interview rounds are too many (4 to 5 rounds on average)

Had a couple offers where the position was eliminated before I started. Then had trouble getting initial interviews.

No working experience and internship before.

No industry experience

My age (over 50) and my desire to work part-time (adjunct faculty) or in a consulting capacity is proving difficult. I have applied for a few full-time jobs as well, figuring maybe I need to do that for a few years before going part-time, but I get no response and haven't been able to get interviews. I have had a few consulting opportunities, but that is it.

Most Data Analyst or Data Scientist positions requires data base experience, which I do not have from past career in Engineering nor from Masters in Statistics courses work

I don't know.

Not enough experience relating to deep learning, machine learning, statistical modeling related to finance, and database management. Although I have taken numerous courses in general programming and data structures, companies are still mainly seeking candidates with CS degree with no regard to statistical skills.

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