

Statistician Interview Questions

1. What kind of experience do you have designing research studies in collaboration with physicians, life scientists, or other professionals? Share an example.

2. Walk me through how you would analyze clinical or survey data using statistical approaches such as longitudinal analysis, mixed effect modeling, logistic regression analyses, and model building techniques.

3. Name a time where you monitored clinical trials or experiments to ensure adherence to established procedures or to verify the quality of data collected.

4. How often do you read current literature, attend meetings or conferences, and talk with colleagues to keep abreast of methodological or conceptual developments in fields such as biostatistics, pharmacology, life sciences, and social sciences?

5. Name a time when your advice to management led to an improvement in your company or otherwise helped your employer.

6. Share an experience you had in dealing with a difficult person and how you handled the situation.

7. Share an experience in which you successfully shared a difficult piece of information. (Make sure that the candidate has open lines of communication.)

8. Tell me how you organize, plan, and prioritize your work.

9. Give me an example of when you thought outside of the box. How did it help your employer?

10. Would you consider analyzing data or information a strength? How so?

11. Share an effective approach to working with a large amount of information/data. How has your approach affected your company?

12. Share an example of a time you had to gather information from multiple sources. How did you determine which information was relevant?

13. Name a time when you identified strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions to problems. What was

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the impact?

14. Share a time when you successfully used scientific rules or methods to solve a problem at work.

15. How would you rate your writing skills? (Ask for an example that demonstrates great writing skills.)

16. How well do you write program code to analyze data using statistical analysis software? Share an example.

17. When is the last time you prepared articles for publication or presentation at professional conferences?
How often should you publish articles?

18. What method do you use to determine project plans, timelines, or technical objectives for statistical aspects of biological research studies?

19. Share an example when you prepared statistical data for inclusion in reports to data monitoring committees, federal regulatory agencies, managers, or clients.

20. Tell me how you draw conclusions or make predictions based on data summaries or statistical analyses.