

Evaluation results: Transformation from Scientist to Data Scientist (August 21, 2020)

Course details

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More information is provided on the webpage: <https://.bgc-jena.mpg.de/domains/impres-gbgc.de/index.php/Courses/ScientistToDatascientist>

12 out of 14 participants filled in the survey by September 10, 2020

Survey results

1. Did the goals and the structure of the course matched well with the course description?

- Yes = 12*

2. To which extend has the course improved/clarified your general notion of your career planning outside of academia?

- Very much = 12*
- He gave us a sense of direction = 3*
- We received a good explanation of the challenges we might face by career planning outside of academia.
- rather broad, which I found good. I think that I know now where I can start to look if I want to leave academia.
- Significantly improved my notion of how it is a career in data science

3. Do you think the workshop was helpful? Would you recommend this course to others?

- Yes= 12*
- For people like me having never thought of and searched information on alternative job market yes!
- highly recommend the workshop to everyone who is not sure if he/she wants to continue in science or not.

4. Did the trainers take sufficient time / opportunities for questions and discussions?

- Yes, open for discussion throughout the workshop = 12*

5. Which parts were especially good (and why)?

- Talking to a person who moved to the industry.
- Overview of the diversity of the data science field in industry and highlights of targeted data-science related bootcamps and courses.
- he took a lot of time to answer our questions and the invitation of someone who left academia and talked about her experiences was nice.
- detailed review on preparing an industrial cv because thats the first step when applying for a job.
- That it was so much Q&A and that it was just three hours, so super siutbale to get a first idea without the need to book a two-day course, which might be done later, if interest is there
- the way Chris explained different opportunities in job market for a data scientist.
- The overview of data scientist opportunities over Europe was well documented.
- many questions elaborate answers lots of small, but important details that can make the difference
- Writing CV Looking where for jobs Experiences/examples of people who moved from academy to industry
- What I liked the most was the dynamic of discussing one by one each of the subjects presented about transitioning to a data science career

6. Which parts were not so good / not so fitting / not well enough presented?

- No = 5*

- analyzing CV examples should be more explain.
- Technical problems with a live call-in were a little unfortunate.
- we took so much time on questions (which was really nice!), that the trainer had to skip and rush through the last slides. I had the feeling, that those later slides would have been quite interesting, so it would be good to maybe plan an hour more next time. Besides, the connection to the invited person was quite bad.
- interaction with an alumni of the bootcamp, because of some internet related technical issues
- Workshop over lunch time was bit strange and it would have been nice to have been communicated before that there will be only a very short break to plan with eating accordingly
- As writing the CV for the data science job market was very much different from academia, I would prefer to focus more on that topic.
- Industry specific CV (more time could have been spent here)
- Probably, it would have been better if the industrial hob options for PhDs working in climate/Earth science were given. This is the most challenging part. Although, it was partly covered that where can we go. But these options/suggestions were not really matching to PhDs who still wants to continue a bit of science in industry. May be some examples of industry related to environment science, earth data, remote sensing can be added in the next presentations.

7. Do you have other suggestions for a future workshop?

- skipped = 5*

- Summer camps recommendations
- plan an hour more, maybe invite someone who left academia and found a data scientist job in some environmental
- I did not hand in a CV, but if I had, I would have wanted feedback on it.
- The guest presenter should book a room for the occasion (and not run zoom on the phone in the middle of Berlin)
- I think the workshop is very good for the three hours plan