**My Job Search Strategy**

Congrats on completing your Springboard course! You’ve put in a lot of hard work to get to this point, and you should be proud! The hard work is sure to continue as you take steps to land that fantastic new job. This doc will help kick off your initial meetings with your career coach and prepare you for a strategic job search. Good luck!

**ME:**

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**Springboard Career Track:** Data Science Career Track

**Career Coach:**

**My Job Search Checklist**

While the job search is not a linear process, the following checklist will help set you up for success as you partner with your coach to land that job!

**WEEK 1**

* Celebrate your Springboard completion and share it on LinkedIn.
* Understand Springboard’s expectations: review coaching policy, dashboard, job guarantee terms.
* Select your coach and set a recurring meeting time.
* Fill out this worksheet before your first coaching call.

**MONTH 1**

* Refine your elevator pitch.
* Update and review your resume, LinkedIn, cover letter, and portfolio.
* Build a list of references.
* Identify and follow target companies. Schedule informational interviews.
* Track all job search activities and organize resources.
* Join Springboard Alumni and network.
* Identify skills gaps and work on projects to keep skills sharp.
* Stay informed with podcasts, blogs, and industry content.

**ONGOING**

* Attend and prepare for coaching calls.
* Set weekly goals for applications, networking, skill development, and self-care.
* Continue applying for jobs with a targeted strategy.
* Network intentionally and keep contacts warm.
* Refine your LinkedIn profile continuously.
* Practice interviewing regularly.
* Review and reset your strategy every 60 days.

**My Job Search Worksheet**

**LinkedIn Connections:** [x] 500+

**LinkedIn Profile URL:** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/samia-saad/>

**Informational Interviews Completed During Course:** [x] 6-10

**Weekly Time Commitment:** [x] 15-20 hrs

**Current Work Situation:** Currently working on freelance data science projects while completing Springboard. Weekly hours vary from 10-15 hours.

**Work Authorization:** [x] U.S. Citizen

**Job Search Locations:** New York City, San Francisco Bay Area, Remote-first opportunities

**Job Search Confidence:** [x] 4 **Explanation:** I have strong technical skills and a solid portfolio but want to improve networking and interview confidence.

**My Goal:** To secure a full-time role as a Data Scientist or Machine Learning Engineer at a mission-driven tech company within the next 3 months.

**My "Why":** I want to use data to drive decisions and solve meaningful problems. I love transforming messy datasets into actionable insights that can help products grow and people make better decisions.

**Superpowers (Top 5 Skills/Strengths):**

1. Python & Machine Learning
2. Data Storytelling
3. Jupyter/Notebook Development
4. Persistence & Work Ethic
5. Strong Portfolio of Projects

**Areas of Improvement:**

1. Behavioral interview responses
2. Cold networking outreach
3. SQL Optimization
4. Public speaking
5. Targeted application strategy

**Coaching:** I’m looking for accountability, honest feedback, help crafting a sharp narrative, and support in job search strategy and interview practice.

**Your Heroes:**

1. Cassie Kozyrkov - <https://www.linkedin.com/in/kozyrkov/> - Her data science storytelling is top-notch.
2. Chip Huyen - <https://huyenchip.com> - She merges engineering with applied ML beautifully.
3. Sadie St. Lawrence - <https://www.linkedin.com/in/sadie-st-lawrence/> - A voice for community-building in data.

**My Career Call Agenda**

**DATE:** [Insert Coaching Call Date] **My "Why":** To land a data science job that lets me solve real-world problems and grow as a professional. **Potential Discussion Topic:** Interview prep for behavioral + case studies. **Wins:** Completed 2 projects and reached out to 5 new contacts on LinkedIn. **Updates:**

* Sent 10 job applications this week.
* Built a blog post summarizing my Capstone project. **Roadblocks, Concerns & Items Needing Input:**
* Crafting concise STAR responses.
* Narrowing target company list. **Goals Before Next Meeting:**
* Schedule 3 more info interviews.
* Finalize tailored resume for top 5 companies.

**My Job Search Ideas**

**Applications**

* Self-assessment: identify and market top skills and values.
* Research: salary and company research using online tools.
* Agencies: explore apprenticeships, staffing agencies.
* Creative: make an "About Me" pitch deck.

**Networking**

* Social media strategy: engage weekly on LinkedIn.
* Connect with peers, hiring managers, alumni.
* Follow up with coffee gift cards or updates.
* Attend events and post content.

**Skill Development**

* Attend events and workshops.
* Work on new projects.
* Read industry blogs, watch videos.
* Practice behavioral interviews.
* Take LinkedIn Skill Assessments.

**Wellness**

* Exercise, meditate, reflect.
* Stay connected with others.
* Make time for fun and creative pursuits.

**Resources**

* Check Springboard resources and explore other job search tools.