



Basketball Data Scientist

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Job Type

Full-time

Description

The Utah Jazz are looking for a data scientist to perform modeling and analysis that will help inform basketball decision-making.

We are located in Salt Lake City, but are open to remote candidates.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Develop and maintain models to better predict basketball outcomes and facilitate better decision-making across Basketball Operations.
- Perform ad hoc data analysis as necessary to help basketball decision-makers.
- Interface with all departments within Basketball Operations (scouting, coaching, analytics, sports science) and strive to understand and meet their needs.
- Identify, research, and implement opportunities for new models, data sources, and basketball analytics techniques.
- Help maintain and test datasets used to perform analysis.
- Maintain best practices for software development including test writing, documentation, and adherence to and improvement of coding standards.
- Protect the reputation of the company.
- Exemplify the Utah Jazz mission and values: transparency, all in, community obsessed, one team, and scrappy.
- Accept other duties, as assigned.

COMPETENCIES:

- Communicates effectively – Develops and delivers multi-mode communications that

convey a clear understanding of the unique needs of different audiences.

- Demonstrates self-awareness – Uses a combination of feedback and reflection to gain productive insight into personal strengths and weaknesses.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- 2+ years of experience analyzing data and training statistical models in a production environment using Python or R.
- 2+ years of experience with basketball data and the latest basketball analytics techniques.
- 2+ years of experience with data visualization.
- Expertise in statistics fundamentals and state-of-the-art predictive modeling techniques.
- A desire to work in a startup-like environment where you will be empowered to make design decisions.
- A track record of writing clean and well-documented code.
- Bachelor's in Statistics, Data Science, Math or equivalent experience.
- Enthusiasm for basketball.
- Nice to have experience with MLOps.
- Nice to have experience with SQL.
- Nice to have experience with data engineering.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

- This person must be able to communicate and express themselves both written and verbally.
- This person must be able to observe, inspect, estimate and assess.
- This person must be able to sit for long periods of time.

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