**Interview Questions**

1. **Tell me about yourself**

My background to date has been centered around preparing myself to become the very best statistician I can become. I am a PhD candidate in statistics at the University of Michigan. I have solid knowledge in statistics. I took many courses like linear regression, statistics learning which is composed of machine learning and data mining. I successfully applied this knowledge to projects in both academic and industry, such as interpretable functional principle component analysis, selection of fixed and random effects in single-index mixed model, linearity/nonlinearity discriminant in linear additive mixed model I did in the university, and an end point detection project I did for Timbre Technologies as an Intern. I also hold base and advanced SAS programmer certification.

1. **Why do you want this job**

The work I find most stimulating allows me to use both my creative and research skills.  I have been educated well on how to build statistical models. I want to find out how my knowledge can be used in real life and this position exactly matches my career goals.

1. **What is your greatest strength?**

When I'm working on a project, I don't want just to meet deadlines. Rather, I prefer to complete the project well ahead of schedule.

1. **What is your greatest weakness?**

I like to make sure that my work is perfect, so I tend to perhaps spend a little too much time checking it. So I always try to complete the project well ahead of schedule.

1. **How do you handle stress and pressure?**

I actually work better under pressure and I've found that I enjoy working in a challenging environment. (Example…)

1. **Describe a difficult work situation / project and how you overcome it**

Use the above example.

1. **How do you evaluate success?**

I evaluate success in different ways. At work, it is meeting the goals set by my supervisors and my fellow workers. It is my understanding, from talking to other employees, that the Travelers is recognized for not only rewarding success, but giving employee opportunity to grow as well. After work, I enjoy playing badminton, so success on the field is catching the winning pop-up.

1. **Why should we hire you?**

My background to date has been centered around preparing myself to become the very best statistician I can become. I have solid knowledge in statistics; I have experience in statistical modeling and data interpretation. I learn new stuffs quickly and I have good skills in programming.

1. **How Would a Professor Describe You In Three Words?**

Intelligent, Flexible, Cooperative

1. **What are your goals for the future?**

My long-term goals involve growing with a company where I can continue to learn, take on additional responsibilities, and contribute as much of value as I can.

1. **If you know your boss is 100% wrong about something, how would you handle this?**

It depends on the situation and the personality of the supervisor. Even the supervisor’s suggestion is wrong for some specific task, it may have acceptable points. I will integrate his/her valid points and propose an alternative solution. Actually, my phD superviser was more easy-going and if I told him "you know, I think it might work better if I do what you asked in such and such a way," he says "okay, try it."

1. **What type of work environment do you prefer?**

I can be flexible when it comes to my work environment. What is the environment in the Engineering department here at Travelers? (Once they've described the work environment, include key phrases they've used when you describe your preferred work environment).

1. **Do You Take Work Home With You?**

When I need to, no problem. I realize the importance of meeting deadlines and getting work done on time.

1. **How many hours do you work?**

I work as much as necessary to get the job done.

1. **Do you prefer to work independently or on a team?**

I am equally comfortable working as a member of a team and independently.