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## Informational Interview Tracker

This agenda worksheet will serve as your tracker for the individual conversations you have for your projects in-course, and what you will use to keep record of your informational interviews as a part of the Job Guarantee program. We recommend using the [networking tracker](#) to keep track of your outreach attempts, and this worksheet encompasses your preparation, completion, and submission.

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| Interviewee Name  | N. K.  |
| Interviewee LinkedIn Profile  |  |
| Date Completed  | Apr 16, 2023 (click date to change)  |
| Outreach Message<br><br>You can use examples from the <a href="#">LinkedIn Connection Requests &amp; Outreach Guide</a> . | <p>Dear N.,</p> <p>I could not help but notice and be so impressed by your background. I am an aspiring quant and wanted to reach out and introduce myself. Currently, I am enrolled in a Data Science and Machine Learning 7-month Bootcamp at Springboard. It is quite an intensive program! It is kind of a funny story how I found myself at Springboard, but it all began in 2022 when I was trying to model different securities and economic indicators on excel. Only to find that I hit many different challenges just imagine trying to do many of the things you do in python in Excel. I put that on the back burner and finally came to a realization that I must learn Python Programming and Machine Learning to move in the direction of becoming a quant so I can leverage and further develop these models.</p> <p>One of my key areas of thinking in the Springboard Bootcamp was that I could hone in on building economic models on my capstone projects—these are essentially major multipart projects that begin with gathering data and organizing it into a structured format, imputing missing values, exploring the data, conducting feature engineering and finally building machine learning models as well as concluding with data storytelling</p> <p>As part of my program at Springboard I am to conduct informational interviews of people in the data science field in the areas I hope to work in. I thought you would be a great person to conduct that interview with. I would love to learn more about your work. Would you be available for a 15-minute Zoom call to do that.</p> <p>Thanks so much!</p> <p>Roger Swartz</p> |

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| <p>Prepared Questions</p> <p>Remember to prepare 5-10 questions based on the length of time you have</p>            | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. I would love to learn more about interest rates and exotics pricing.</li><li>2. How did you find yourself in this area specifically?</li><li>3. It looks like you have had every quantitative finance role that exists that is quite exciting.</li><li>4. I've read a little about exotic options and I would love to learn more about what that entails.</li><li>5. What do you consider the essential experience that enabled you to become a quantitative engineer</li></ol> |
| <p>Notes from Conversation</p> <p>What did you learn? What were your take aways? Resources shared? Action item?</p> | <p>RECOMMENDATIONS</p> <p>Review LSTM (Long short-Term memory) Time Series consider Keras (Neural networks) and TensorFlow</p> <p>Spend Extra Time Reviewing and rereviewing – ARIMA and ARIMAX</p> <p>2-5% range response on job applications</p> <p>Discussed follow up phone call in 3 weeks.</p>   |
| <p>Thank You Message Sent</p>   | <p>April 30, 2025</p>  |
| <p>Follow Up Message Sent</p>   | <p>May 2, 2025</p>   |
| <p>Submission Status</p>  | <p>Yes</p>   |