Martin Otava

Mgr. Martin Otava, Ph.D.
Senior Principal Scientist in Manufacturing Statistics at Johnson & Johnson

Expertise and focus:	As an applied statistician, I collaborate with R&D chemists, biologists and engineers within cross-functional team environment. I help them to design experiments, analyse resulting data to translate the results into an answer to scientific question of interest. In methods development, I collaborate with external research institutions.
Form of mentoring meetings:	Either way, online or offline
Has an experience in:	Academic career, Career in the private sector
	Link to CV

Previous mentoring experience:	Mentoring within International Biometric Society.
Motivation:	I do believe that it is important at early career stage to have support from outside of immediate department to discuss the career goals and general approach to science.
Career guidance topics you can discuss with the mentor:	• Identifying and utilizing one's skill set • Creating a career plan, strategy • Differences between academic and non-academic careers • Navigating the job market, employment opportunities
Research related experience the mentor is ready to share with the mentee:	• Preparation of scientific publications - how to do it correctly, efficiently, and with quality • Consultation on preparation for a job interview • Networking - introducing people in the field • Utilizing the potential of international internships, conferences, etc. • Path to an academic position abroad • Transition from academia to the private sector • Consultation on required competencies for the private sector • Project management • Navigating the job market in the sector I operate in