

COMMON INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Interviews for a job or an internship can vary in style and technique. The following questions are meant as a guide to some of the general questions or topics that you should be prepared to answer:

- ***Tell me about yourself.***
Try to focus on your interests, skills, and experiences that are relevant to the job. Try not to ramble. Avoid sharing information that is too personal and may make the interviewer uncomfortable.
- ***What are your greatest strengths?***
Be honest and positive, but not conceited. Try to focus on relevant skills. Be sure to mention accomplishments and achievements of which you are proud and that may demonstrate your creativity, intelligence, and work ethic.
- ***What are your greatest weaknesses?***
Be honest. No one is perfect and most employers do not expect perfection. Be prepared to describe your weaknesses as areas where you intend to further develop your skills as you gain more knowledge and experience.
- ***Where do you hope to be in five years?***
Think about specific college or career goals that you have and that may be relevant to this job. Employers appreciate employees with goals, but are not looking for someone who is going to be unhappy in the position or want to move along too quickly. Be realistic.
- ***What do you do in your spare time?***
Choose two or three relevant activities to discuss. Employers are often looking for a well-rounded personality.
- ***How would you describe yourself?***
Be prepared to make a strong case on behalf of yourself, noting talents and aptitudes. It is okay to be flattering, but not overly so. This is a chance to provide some insights into your personality.
- ***Why do you want this internship/job?***
Refer to the job description and what you know about the company. Be specific. Mention the ways in which you think you're a good fit for the position.

Questions for you to ask:

- What qualities are you looking for in an intern?
- Can you describe some of the activities that I will be doing as part of my internship?
- In what way will this internship help me explore my career path?
- Given that I am currently in school, what days and times could I work?
- When will you be selecting your intern?