
SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Interviewing can be one of the most nerve-racking experiences you can face. It helps to show up prepared and confident in your answers. Here is a list of sample questions to prepare for in advance. Be aware that the questions may not be asked in the exact same way. There are no “right” answers to these questions, but there are plenty of bad ones.

Personal

- Tell me about yourself.
- How do you spend your spare time?
- What do you consider your strengths/weaknesses?
- What have you learned from your extracurricular activities?
- Which of your academic, social, civic and work achievements have been most rewarding?
- Why should I hire you?

Professional

- How do you work under pressure?
- How do you manage your time?
- How do you determine or evaluate success?
- What is your ideal working environment? Do you prefer to work alone or as part of a team? Explain.
- What skills do you have that will be used in this position?
- What rewards do you expect in your career?
- How would you describe the ideal job?
- Where do you see yourself in five years? How do you plan to reach that goal?

Behavioral

- What major problem have you encountered and how did you deal with it?
- What have you learned from your mistakes?
- Give me an example of doing more than is required in your current job/class.
- How do you resolve conflict on a project team?
- Give an example which would demonstrate your leadership in your previous job.

Academic

- Why did you select LSU?
- What led you to choose your major?
- What course(s) did you like the most/least?

Company-specific

- Why did you decide to seek a position with our company?
- What do you know about our company?
- What is your geographical preference?
- What qualifications and personal characteristics do you have to match our needs?
- Would you be willing to relocate/travel?