

Placement Interview Tips

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'VE SCORED AN INTERVIEW!

Are you nervous? It's OK, everyone gets the jitters before an interview. Just remember your power poses! Here's a quick run through of everything you should keep in mind for the call with your potential placement organization.

KNOW YOURSELF

It's easy to talk about yourself, especially when you know what you want to say. Before you have this interview, reflect on the following things...

- What do I hope to gain from this internship experience?
- How does this internship fit into my career plans?
- What can I contribute to [host company/organization]?
 - What skills, abilities, and personality traits would make me a good fit?
 - What anecdotes/stories from my own experience demonstrate each of these?
 - Do I have a story about a big challenge (or failure) that I had to overcome?

KNOW THE HOST ORGANIZATION

It's research time! Make sure you look up the company/organization that you're interviewing with. (Google is your friend!) Get a sense of why you'd like to work with them.

During the interview, make sure you to hit the following points:

- What would my day-to-day responsibilities be for this internship?
- What is an example of a project I'd be working on?
- What can I do to prepare for this internship (books to read, skills to brush up on, etc.)?
- Is there anything I'm expected to bring (laptop, stationary, etc.)?
- Are there opportunities for internal or external training?
- How would you describe the company culture? Is there a dress code?
- What hours are expected of me and will I be entitled to any leave/vacation days?

A FEW OTHER THINGS TO NOTE

- Know your own CV/resume!
- If the interview is over Skype, make sure you have an appropriate profile picture. Also, make sure you are dressed properly. And, look at the camera instead of your screen!
- Remember to send a thank you email to your interviewer.

LASTLY, BE YOURSELF!