

# Preparing for Grad School Interviews

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# The Interview

Great--you've been invited for an interview! Step one down! Now, what?

Purposes of the Interview:

- Meet with potential research advisor and other faculty members
- Meet with graduate students
- Further discuss your research interests/assess fit
- Visit campus and geographic area
- Start creating a professional network!

# Do's and Dont's

## DO:

- Dress professionally.
- Bring extra CVs
- Be prepared!
  - Read over your personal statements
  - Read up on the research projects currently going on in the lab:
    - On faculty websites OR
    - Searching recent articles (e.g. Google scholar, PSYCinfo, etc.)

## DONT:

- Be vague--talk about your research interests/fit specifically
- Be afraid to ask questions (more on this later)

# Frequently Asked Questions

- Tell me about yourself.
- What are your research interests? How did you become interested in this topic?
- Why are you interested in our program?
- What are your future career goals?
- I noticed BLANK in your personal statement, can you expand?
- Why do you think you are a good fit for this program?
- If you could design a research study with unlimited funds and resources, describe it.

# Questions YOU can ask!

- What is your mentorship style like?
- What role do you see me having in this lab if I come here?
- Are there current projects in the lab? What do you expect my role to be in the lab research?

## For Graduate Students:

- Can you live comfortably given the stipend provided?
- How do you incorporate a work-life balance?
- What do you do for fun in the area?
- How was the transition to graduate school?

Let's practice! :)