

MOCK INTERVIEW GUIDE

What to Expect

Your mock interview is a chance to practice interviewing in a slightly less intimidating (although equally professional) setting. You should expect to treat this appointment like a real interview the moment you set foot in the Career Services. This is your opportunity to give the answer you would if you were really applying for a job as well as receive feedback from someone you trust. Once the mock interview is complete, you will discuss your interviewing strengths and brainstorm ways to strengthen your weaknesses.

1. RESEARCH

Have an understanding of the type of position you are interviewing for (or even use a real job description for practice). Understand your goals AND the requirements of the type of work you are looking to go into. You will be expected to be knowledgeable about both.

2. PRACTICE

Use the Interviewing Guide to write-out and practice, practice, practice your responses to sample questions BEFORE you arrive at your mock interview. Use the STAR technique (found in our Interviewing Guide) to help you communicate your answers in a professional and clear way.

3. DRESS professionally

Since this is a real-time example of an interview, you want to look the part as much as act it. You don't have to dress to the level you might in an actual job interview setting, but this could be an opportunity for you to get feedback on what you would like to wear and to become more accustomed to the overall "feel" of it.

4. Show up ON TIME.

No, a little early even. This extra time will allow you to relax and review your notes. It's also a good buffer in case you run into unexpected circumstances. On that note, should you find yourself running late, call to alert the office, just as you would in a real interview setting.

5. SHOW INTEREST/PREPAREDNESS

You have your resume with you, paper/pen for making notes and writing down feedback, and a list of questions to ask the interviewer (asking questions shows interest, engagement, professionalism and is expected.)

Bonus points for those who send thank-you notes too!