



Possible Graduate School Interview Questions

Depending on the Graduate School, an interview may be expected. Prepare for possible questions using this guide.

About Yourself

- Tell me about yourself.
- What are your strengths and weaknesses?
- How do you handle difficult people/situations?
- How do you deal with stress?
- What has been your proudest personal accomplishment?
- How would your professors describe you?
- What was the last book you read (that isn't required for class)?
- What do you do in your free time?

About the Program

- Why do you want to be a _____?
- What do you plan to specialize in?
- Why did you choose our school/program?
- What other schools have you applied to? Where does our school fit in your ranking?
- Why do you believe you will be successful in our program?
- What makes you different from other applicants?
- What will you do to best maintain success in the program?

About Your Academic Experience

- Tell me more about your research.
- What has been your most influential experience in shaping yourself as a future _____?
- What has been your proudest moment in school so far?
- What has been your favorite/most difficult class?

About Your Career Goals

- Where do you see yourself ten years from now?
- How will you define success in your future?
- How would you most like to contribute to the field?

Additional Questions to Prepare to Answer

- Ethical related questions with how you would handle a situation
- What will you do if you don't get in?
- Situational based questions where you need to describe how you would handle a situation
- Current events relating to the profession/program

