

# Mock Interview Information

The purpose of a mock interview is to provide you with an opportunity to practice your interviewing skills in an environment similar to an actual interview. The Pomerantz Career Center schedules mock interviews during the fall and spring semesters.

## Commonly Asked Questions:

### **HOW LONG ARE THE INTERVIEWS?**

Interviews are 45 minutes total length - 20-25 minutes of interviewing and 10-15 minutes of critiquing. Please arrive approximately 15 minutes before your scheduled interview. You may also bring with you any specific questions about interviewing, job searching, resume writing, etc.

### **WHO ARE THE INTERVIEWERS?**

Interviewers are employers from surrounding communities who are volunteering their time to help you with your interviewing skills.

### **WHERE WILL THE INTERVIEWS TAKE PLACE?**

Interviews will take place in the Pomerantz Career Center, C310 Pomerantz Center

### **HOW DO I PREPARE FOR THE MOCK INTERVIEW?**

**Interviewing basics** – Review the interview section in the Career Guide. Watch one of our online video seminars. Review books and articles on interviewing, available in the Pearson Library at the Pomerantz Career Center and on our web site at [www.careers.uiowa.edu](http://www.careers.uiowa.edu).

**Research the company!** *Most participating companies want students to visit their website to conduct research.* This is a vital part of your preparation, and will greatly assist you in answering questions such as, “Why do you want to work for our company?” or “What do you know about our company?” It will also help you communicate your skills to a company's specific needs.

**Make sure to check out the company’s web site before coming in for your Mock Interview.**

### **WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?**

Dress professionally, as you would for an actual interview.

### **DO I NEED A RESUME?**

YES! You must submit a copy of your resume when signing up on UI Employment Expo. It is also a good idea to bring a copy with you to the interview. Advisors and Peer Advisors are available for individual consultation if you are having difficulty preparing your resume or if it needs to be updated.

### **HOW DO I REGISTER FOR A MOCK INTERVIEW**

All students must register for a mock interview through UI Employment Expo. More information about UI Employment Expo can be found at:

<http://www.careers.uiowa.edu/students/fulltime/employmentexpo.htm>