

COLLEGE INTERVIEW FAQs

1. How do I get an interview with my desired schools?

Depending on the college, students can apply, sign up, or submit an inquiry on the admissions website or in person. Note that not all colleges offer interviews (and this changes year to year) and not all colleges offer interviews to all students. We can also help navigate these logistics.

2. Who will interview me?

Formal interviews will most likely be with alumni who report back to the school. However, you may also encounter the heads of programs/faculty, coaches (if applicable), or current students.

3. I'm just not good at interviews – should I bother signing up for one?

Interviewing is a learnable skill and, with guidance and practice, anyone can interview well. You'll also have to master interviews eventually, whether for internships, jobs, or post-college studies. During the first session, we conduct a diagnostic to identify the following aspects of interview anxiety and to tailor the prep to your specific needs

4. How do I know what they'll ask me?

We have an extensive bank of interview questions culled from alumni interviewers and recent college interviewees

5. What if my mind goes blank or I lose track of what I'm saying?

We have mnemonics to help structure interview answers for students who freeze or ramble, insight into reading body language to stay in tune and engaged, and other tips and tricks to stay on track..

6. I hate talking about myself – won't I sound like I'm just bragging?

Colleges are looking for students who are passionate about what they do inside and outside the classroom. Think of it as talking about what you love to do and what you have to offer, not what you love about who you are.

7. I'm not a typical [insert name of fancy school here] student. Can interview prep help make me sound more like one?

There is no such thing as a *typical* [fancy name school] student. Admissions and alumni interviewers are looking for students with a clear sense of who they are and who will help contribute to a rich and active student body. The best version of you is an ideal [name of fancy name school] and your honesty and vulnerability are far more important than what you think a school wants to hear!

8. Won't I sound like a robot if I prepare answers for my interview?

Yes, you would! Our practice is more like developing the skills for improv comedy than rehearsing lines for a play. We focus on how to react to any type of question thrown at you, how to be present physically in the interview setting and how to structure answers. There is no memorizing here!

Can you help parents? My student has a private/magnate [elementary, middle school, high school] interview and they want to talk with us as well.

Yes! We have common questions for parent interviews and tips and tricks to excel in session. We are happy to schedule a session to put you through the same rigorous training as your student!