

Pursuing Your Path: Finding Your Dream Job

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Interviews

Tips & Tricks

- Have a pen and paper handy for notes.
- Pre-write answers to potential questions, or have available stories to describe.
- Research the company and its core values, board of directors, industry, etc.
- Anonymously look up your interviewer on LinkedIn prior.
- Have your resume and cover letter printed in front of you (in-person and phone).
- Craft your resume and cover letter to the role/industry you apply to.
- Create a folder to save all job search materials, it can get complicated.
- Think of potential questions to ask, it's okay to interview the interviewer too.

Be Yourself

Think & Reflect

Outline at least two items in each box and briefly describe.

<p>Accomplishments What have you achieved, and how?</p>	<p>Qualities / Skills What have you learned or possess? (ex: Leadership, Design, Speaking, Time Management)</p>
<p>Strengths What are you an expert at?</p>	<p>Weaknesses What needs improvement or is difficult?</p>

Challenge

Real-life Examples

Write down three of your most difficult experiences in college (work, class, clubs, family, etc) and how you grew as a result, or overcame it:

Ex: Describe a difficult group project and having to meet a deadline.

Commonly Asked Questions

1. How do I overcome the "experience hurdle"? Many positions ask for 1-3 years.

Use your experiences from college; whether in class, work, clubs or volunteering. It may depend partly on how you explain it. For instance, for an entry level project management role you can describe your abilities to manage college, personal health, finances, jobs, holding roles in club and learning a new skill, say a language. It might not be formal experience, but it shows your ability to adapt and learn. Chances are, you will not have all the necessary knowledge when you start right away - you will learn that later.

2. How can I set myself apart from the other candidates?

Being at LEAD is a great start! Involvement in groups like DSP and other campus organizations speaks volumes. It shows that you are engaged outside of class and can manage multiple responsibilities. Volunteering, pursuing hobbies, studying abroad, attending conferences, public speaking, researching and holding positions are other ways to stand out. Seek opportunities to improve and challenge yourself.