

BMES Interview Workshop

November 12th, 5pm-6pm

Sample Interview Questions

- Tell me about yourself.
- What are your strengths and weaknesses, and how are you working to improve your weaknesses?
- How would your peers describe you?
- Describe your ideal work environment.
- Tell me about a time you overcame an obstacle.
- Tell me about a time you worked with a team to meet a deadline. What made the team successful?
- In your past experience, have you encountered resistance working with another individual? How did you overcome this resistance?
- Give an example of how you contributed a unique idea to a project or other effort that helped the project move forward.
- How do you handle working under pressure? What specific strategies do you use to ensure you can succeed under this pressure?
- Tell me about a time you acted as a leader. What does your leadership style look like?
- What would you do if you were asked to complete a task you were unfamiliar with?
- Tell me about a time that you failed.
- Describe a time when you stepped outside of your comfort zone.
- What makes a team successful? Give examples of traits and behaviors you would find in an ideal team setting.

What is C.A.R.?

C.A.R. stands for “Context”, “Action”, and “Result”. The C.A.R method is a common way for interviewees to provide a strong answer to most any interview question, especially behavioral scenario questions. If a student struggles with providing a full answer to a question, encourage them to use the C.A.R. method. Ask them to provide a context for the scenario, followed by their actionable response to the situation, followed by their results, either real or projected.

Other Tips and Tricks from Purdue’s CCO

- Be knowledgeable about the position description and the company you are applying to.
- Prepare a brief elevator pitch to summarize your experience concisely.
- Review your resume so you are prepared to answer questions about any experience
- Be you! Always be honest in your answers and let your personality shine through!