

CAREER SERVICES



CAREER FAIR TIPS & TRICKS



Be prepared with some questions!



Bring a notebook and pen.



The employers that you meet with want to learn more about you! Think of an “elevator pitch” about yourself—a short overview about your background, studies, and career goals. Practice with a friend or family member so you’re ready when it’s time to introduce yourself to a recruiter.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

“How would you describe the company’s culture?”

“What does a typical day look like?”

“How do you feel your company has grown?”

“What kind of opportunities does the company offer when it comes to career growth?”

“What difficulties has the company experienced, and how were they overcome?”

“What is the organization doing to help/impact the world at large?”

~Don’t limit your questions to these. It’s always a plus to look up the company’s mission statement or interesting projects they’ve worked on recently and bring those up in your interview. It’s also great to jot down handwritten notes during your interview and ask follow-up questions about a specific topic! **The interviewer wants to see that you’ve put in effort to research the company**—showing that you’re a self-starter—and that you genuinely want to contribute to their mission.

PREPARATION IN PRACTICE

~Ensure that your resume is polished and up to date, printing several copies.

~Try to dress appropriately and clean up. Although you may be coming from the lab, even a nicer shirt will help boost your confidence and leave a good impression with the employers.

~Be aware of your nonverbal communication. Maintain eye contact and practice active listening. Consider smiling and nodding occasionally to convey interest.

~Arrive early to avoid lines and to allow time to meet with all of the employers that you wish.

~Follow up with your choice employers to thank them and to stay in touch.

Stay positive! Career fairs can be overwhelming but remember . . . **YOU’VE GOT THIS!**

