

# Preparing for an Internship Interview

## Internship Application Essentials



**Congratulations on making it to the interview round!** To be invited for an interview means that the organization liked what they saw in your resume and other application documents and want to speak with you. Now it's time to make a great impression during the interview so that they offer you the internship. There are several important ways you can set yourself apart from other applicants.



### DEMONSTRATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Research them in advance so that you are able to show that you understand who they are, draw connections between them and your experience and interests, and why you will be a good fit for the internship. Use [NAF's company research template](#) as you prepare.



### REVIEW SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS & COMPLETE MOCK INTERVIEWS

The best way to be prepared and confident is to practice! Take the list of [sample interview questions](#) and write out bullet points of how you might answer them. Then, practice answering the questions out loud with a classmate, teacher, friend, or other person.



### DRESS PROFESSIONALLY

Part of making a positive impression is visual. This is true whether it's an in-person or virtual interview. Review [NAF's tips for professional dress](#). If you need assistance obtaining an interview outfit, check with your teacher since sometimes schools offer career closets and other ways to borrow what you need.



### TREAT EVERYONE YOU MEET WITH RESPECT

Follow this approach during every phase of the application process, including the interview. Communicate with everyone in a professional manner and assume that anyone you interact with may provide feedback about you to the hiring manager.



### PREPARE AT LEAST 3 QUESTIONS TO ASK THE INTERVIEWER

This is where your research comes in! You can ask questions based on what you found. You can also have a few general questions ready to ask. Here are a few examples:

- What is your favorite part of your role at this company?
- What skills are important for success as an intern here?
- Are there opportunities for interns to get involved across the company?



### SEND A THANK YOU NOTE OR EMAIL AFTER THE INTERVIEW

This is another opportunity to make a good impression. By thanking the interviewer(s) for their time and reiterating your interest in the internship, you are demonstrating your communication skills and motivation. Use [NAF's thank you note template](#) as a starting point for your message and customize it based on the interview.

