

# SO YOU'RE INTERVIEWING AT A SOCIAL PSYCH GRAD PROGRAM?

## Come up with **questions**

- **about** program, department, ongoing & future research, etc.
- **to ask** faculty, current students
- see **resources** below for examples



## While interviewing

- bring a notebook & **take notes** when you're able to
- don't forget to **drink water & eat** throughout your interview(s)!



## Consider the environment

- all faculty & students will evaluate you throughout your **entire visit**
- keep in mind: they may become your **future supervisors, friends, & colleagues**



## Plan ahead

- take **summary notes** about the program, answers to questions
- these notes will be important for later decisions



## BEFORE



## DURING



## AFTER



## Do some prep

- prepare an "**elevator pitch**" - a brief explanation of your experience and research interests
- look at potential supervisors' **publications**



## What to wear

- if you can, pack for the **weather**
- if you're unsure of norms, err on dressing more **professionally** (e.g., **business casual**)



## ASK YOUR QUESTIONS

- you should **always ask questions** - you're assessing your fit with the program!
- **ask multiple people** the same questions



## Afterward

- **thank you emails** (to organizers, faculty, students) can be a nice gesture
- **celebrate** having interviewed!

### SOME GREAT RESOURCES:

[American Psychological Association](#)  
[Association for Psychological Science](#)  
[Rutgers Psychology](#)  
[UCLA's Psychology in Action](#)

THERE IS NO SINGLE "CORRECT" WAY TO PREPARE. PEOPLE FIND SUCCESS VIA MANY DIFFERENT ROUTES.  
DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK OTHERS FOR ADVICE!

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